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INTRODUCTION

The first part of this report presents the final version of a computer program which is capable of modelling the behavior of the water entry cavity produced at vertical water entry. The program is based on a hydraulic cavity flow model proposed some years ago by G. Birkhoff and R. Isaacs¹ which has been modified to include the effects of an atmospheric surface pressure.

The second part of this report presents a summary of the results of a theoretical and experimental study of the water entry cavity. In this study, observed cavities are compared with cavities predicted by the computer program described in Part 1. Various water entry conditions, covering a wide range of entry velocities, were investigated.

¹Birkhoff, G. and Isaacs, R., "Transient Cavities in Air-Water Entry," NAVORD 1490 (1951).

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PART 1 - CAVITY MODELLING CODE

BACKGROUND

Birkhoff and Isaacs developed two flow models - one which applies to vertical entry and the other to oblique entry. The discussion here will be limited to the vertical entry model on which the program is based. The original model is applicable to the prediction of the open cavity produced by the water entry of axially symmetric missiles from either a vacuum or greatly reduced pressure atmosphere (Abelson² found that it also gives good shape predictions of cavities produced by normal air entry up until the time of pullaway).

Birkhoff's vertical entry model is based on the hypothesis that flow "streamlines lie on concentric spherical surfaces centered at the point of impact." Accordingly, the liquid medium can be thought of as being subdivided into infinitesimally thin concentric spherical shells or "laminas" centered at the entry point, as shown in Figure 1. As the missile passes a lamina the fluid within is displaced, or forced, radially outward as shown in Figure 2. The inside edges of the open laminas together form the cavity wall outline. The shells derive their initial kinetic energy from the loss of kinetic energy of the passing missile, resulting from the cavity drag. The cavity drag coefficient of the missile is assumed to remain constant resulting in an exponential velocity decay with depth

$$v_p = v_{p_0} e^{-\alpha r_p} \quad (1)$$

where

v_{p_0} = missile entry velocity

r_p = missile depth

α = retardation coefficient

²Abelson, H., "The Behavior of the Cavity Formed by a Projectile Entering the Water Vertically," Ph.D. Thesis, Mechanical Engineering, Univ. of Md., 1969.

Considering a typical lamina located a distance r from the entry point, Figure 3, only the location of the inside edge of the displaced shell, as defined by r and the angle θ_a , is required in order to determine the position of the cavity boundary. By treating the shell as a kind of "fluid pendulum" and utilizing the principle of conservation of mechanical energy, the differential equation relating the angle θ_a to time can be shown to be^{1,3}

$$\dot{\theta}_a = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4g}{r}} \frac{(\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m)}{\sin^2 \theta_a \ln \left[\frac{(2 - \cos \theta_a)(1 + \cos \theta_a)}{\cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)} \right]} \quad (2)$$

where the expression for $\cos \theta_m$ is*

$$\cos \theta_m = \frac{1}{2} \left[2 - \frac{\alpha m_p v_{p0}^2 e^{-2\alpha r}}{\pi r^3 \rho_w g} \right] \quad (3)$$

The angle θ_m is the maximum value of the displacement θ_a corresponding to the peak of the lamina's swing. The initial condition can be found by

$$\theta_{a0} = \theta_a(0) = \arctan \frac{R_p}{r} \quad (4)$$

where θ_{a0} , the initial shell angle, is taken by Birkhoff¹ to be the angle subtended at the point of entry by the zone of separation of the water from the missile surface. This would imply that R_p should be taken as the radius of the missile at the zone of separation. For certain missile configurations it is obvious where the separation occurs and thus what R_p should be (for example, for a right circular cylinder only the nose flat is wetted hence R_p would be taken as half the nose flat diameter). For certain other missile configurations, on the other hand, the location of separation may not be obvious and may be difficult to determine. In such cases it may be necessary to estimate R_p (for example in Abelson's cavity study³ which involves sphere entries, R_p is taken as the transverse radius of the missile body at its center of gravity, i.e., half the diameter for a sphere).¹

¹See footnote 1 on page 7.

³Abelson, H., "Cavity Shapes at Vertical Water Entry - A Comparison of Calculated and Observed Shapes," NOLTR 67-31 (1967).

*In reference (3) the expression for $\cos \theta_m$ is in error in that the first term in the brackets in Equation (3) appears as a "1" instead of a "2" as it should be. The author, apparently through an oversight, failed to account for the "at rest" potential energy of the shell which, because of the reference datum selected, is not equal to zero. If this at rest term is included in the reference (3) derivation the correct expression for $\cos \theta_m$, with the "2" in the brackets instead of the "1", is obtained.

By differentiating (2) with respect to time the expression for the angular acceleration is obtained:

$$\ddot{\theta}_a = -\frac{2g}{r} \left[\frac{1 + (\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m) Z}{\sin \theta_a \ln (X)} \right] \quad (5)$$

where:

$$Z = \frac{2 - 4 \cos \theta_a}{\cos \theta_a (\cos^3 \theta_a - 2 \cos^2 \theta_a - \cos \theta_a + 2) \ln (X)} + \frac{2 \cos \theta_a}{\sin^2 \theta_a}$$

$$X = \frac{(2 - \cos \theta_a) (1 + \cos \theta_a)}{\cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)}$$

MODIFICATIONS TO ORIGINAL FLOW MODEL

The foregoing equations, which describe Birkhoff's original model, do not account for pressure either in the cavity or at the water surface since they were assumed to be zero. However, as mentioned earlier, the model as used in the program has been altered to include the effects of surface pressure since this modification is fairly straightforward, providing the surface pressure is regarded as constant. Modifications, on the other hand, to include the effects of pressure in the cavity on cavity behavior are not a simple matter at all.² Thus, in the program cavity pressure is assumed to equal zero.

When the effect of surface pressure, P_o , is included it is shown in Appendix 2 that the governing differential equation for the displacement angle θ_a becomes:

$$\ddot{\theta}_a = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4 \left[rg + (P_o / \rho_w) \right] \left[\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m \right]}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta_a \ln [X]}} \quad (6)$$

where, as in the original model, the initial condition is

$$\theta_{a0} = \arctan \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)$$

with corresponding relations for $\dot{\theta}_a$ and $\cos \theta_m$ as

$$\dot{\theta}_a = -\frac{2 \left[rg + (P_o / \rho_w) \right]}{r^2} \left[\frac{1 + (\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m) (Z)}{\sin \theta_a \ln (X)} \right] \quad (7)$$

²See footnote 2 on page 9.

and

$$\cos \theta_m = \frac{1}{2} \left[2 - \frac{\alpha_m v_p^2 e^{-2ar}}{\pi r^2 (r \rho_w g + p_0)} \right] \quad (8)$$

It can be seen that by setting p_0 equal to zero, Equations (6), (7) and (8) reduce to Equations (2), (3) and (5).

Clearly the differential equations for the angle θ_a for both the original and the modified model are non-linear and must be solved for θ_a versus time using numerical integration since analytic solutions for these equations have yet to be found. The program, in fact, solves Equations (6), (7) and (8) using numerical integration.

CAVITY MODELLING

It should be remembered that these lamina equations apply to a single lamina at a distance r from the entry point. Hence, the motion of a lamina at any depth can be found independent of the laminae at the other depths. For this reason the entire cavity may be modelled satisfactorily with the use of a relatively few number of laminae located at selected depths, as shown in Figure 4. The cavity outline at any given time may be obtained easily by plotting the positions of the edges of the laminae, then connecting the appropriate points to get the cavity outline.

Another less accurate, but more convenient method of describing cavity shape, which will represent the cavity for all times, involves plotting the cavity diameter at the selected depths versus time after entry. The result is a set of arc-shaped curves like the ones shown in Figure 8. Obviously, from the figure, deeper laminae start their motion at later times. It can easily be shown that when cavity drag coefficient is constant the time for the missile to reach a lamina at depth r is:

$$t = (e^{\alpha r} - 1)/\alpha v_p \quad (9)$$

From Figure 5, the diameter of the circular opening in the lamina at a given time is found by the relation

$$D = 2r \sin \theta_a \quad (9)$$

There is an approximation being made here however. Although the diameter computed from Equation (9) is exact, it is actually the diameter of the cavity not at the depth r but at the more shallow depth $r(1 - \cos \theta_a)$ since, from Figure 5, the edge of the lamina rises up as the lamina swings out. For small enough values of the angle θ_a this should present no problem. However, even for fairly large values of θ_a , the approximation should still be reasonable since, in general, the cavity wall is nearly vertical meaning the change in diameter with depth, at a given time, is not that great. A final consequence of using this technique is that at a given depth r , the cavity diameter will never exceed the limiting value $2r$.

The program is designed to make it convenient to implement either of the two modelling techniques mentioned. The output data are in the form of "Spherical Lamina Performance Data" tables where each table corresponds to a lamina at some user specified depth and contains information concerning depth r , θ_a , and Cavity Diameter versus absolute time after entry as well as other auxilliary information such as current model depths and angular velocities and accelerations associated with the shell displacement angle θ_a .

MINIMUM DEPTH RESTRICTIONS. The selection of depths at which to model the cavity cannot be made entirely arbitrarily since the flow model equations break down in the region near the water surface.

For any given entry there is a lamina, located at a critical depth, designated r_{cri} , which acquires just enough energy from the passing missile to rise up to where θ_a is equal to 90° (i.e., entry conditions are such that for this particular lamina θ_m is equal to 90°). Needless to say, all laminae at depths less than r_{cri} acquire sufficient energy to swing up beyond the point $\theta_a = 90^\circ$. In physical terms such a lamina will continue to swing upward until it flows into itself at the point $\theta_a = 90^\circ$ as depicted in Figure 6. By setting $\cos \theta_m$ in Equation (6) equal to zero (corresponding to $\theta_m = 90^\circ$) and replacing r with r_{cri} , the following formula is obtained which can be solved by trial-and-error for the first critical depth r_{cri} :

$$0 = \frac{1}{2} \left[2 - \frac{\alpha_m p v_{p_0}^2 e^{-2ar_{cri}}}{\pi r_{cri}^2 (r_{cri} \rho_w g + p_0)} \right]$$

Inspection of Equations (6) through (8) will show that it is safe to model the cavity at depths greater than r_{cri} , which assures that the displacement angle θ_a will not exceed 90° . Attempting to model at depths equal to or less than r_{cri} will result in a singularity in Equations (6) through (8) when θ_a reaches 90° , although modelling up until this condition occurs may be possible.

A second critical depth, designated r_{cri2} , occurs nearer to the surface than r_{cri} , and is the depth below which Equation (8), for $\cos \theta_m$, breaks down completely. Attempting to model at depths less than r_{cri} will result in a value for $\cos \theta_m$ which is less than -1. Even so, as in the case of the first critical depth, Equations (6) through (8) still "work" until θ_a reaches 90° (where the singularity occurs) although it is not known at this time if the results produced will be meaningful.

Figure 7 summarizes the minimum depth restrictions. Since these restrictions apply to depths in a small region near the water surface they should not, in general, interfere with the modelling of the overall cavity.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The computer program is written in standard FORTRAN and a listing of it appears in Appendix 1. The first part of the listing is essentially a "user's manual." To demonstrate the use of the program a sample problem has been carried out in the next article. A brief description of the program is given here.

Basically the program solves the lamina motion Equation (6), (7) and (8) for θ_a with time for the lamina at each user specified depth using the three term taylor series:

$$\theta_a(i+1) = \theta_a(i) + \dot{\theta}_a(i) \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\theta}_a(i) (\Delta t)^2$$

Currently, the maximum allowable number of depths which may be specified is 10, however this number may be increased simply by increasing the Fortran DIMENSION parameters for the variables DEPTH, DELTA and NSTORE as required. The end result of the computations for a lamina at a particular depth is the single "Spherical Lamina Performance Data" table described in the previous section. There are no "Max Time" or "Max Iterations" parameters to bother with since, when the motion of a particular lamina is completed, the sign of the angle θ_a goes negative, and the computations for that lamina are terminated automatically. A sample of the data tables appears in Appendix 1 following the program listing. These tables are the results for the sample problem described next.

SAMPLE PROBLEM

The program was used to model the cavity produced by the water entry of a steel right circular cylinder, 1.50" diameter by 2.15" long, from normal air, at an entry speed of 250 feet/second. The cavity was modelled with laminas at depths of 10, 20 and 30 calibers. Several test runs were carried out, using progressively smaller values for the time step, until convergence to the solutions for all three laminas was obtained. The results of the final run can be found in Appendix 1 following the program listing. The first page of the output is a Reference Information table listing data describing the entry conditions. Following the Reference Information are the three "Spherical Lamina Performance Data" tables for the laminas at each of the selected depths. The data in these tables were used to generate the curves, in Figure 8, of cavity diameter history at each of the three depths.

PART 2 - CAVITY STUDY

BACKGROUND

G. Birkhoff¹ compared cavities predicted by his original model for vertical entry with experimental data concerning a one inch diameter steel sphere entering water vertically from a reduced pressure atmosphere at a velocity of 73 feet/second with a surface pressure of 1/27 atmosphere.

Abelson³ compared the cavities predicted by Birkhoff's model to those generated by the vertical entry of spheres into water from reduced pressure atmospheres. The spheres had diameters of either 0.5 or 1.0 inches and entry speeds of between 62 and 69 feet/second.

Initially, Birkhoff's original model was applied only to open cavities produced by entry from a vacuum or reduced pressure atmosphere. Then Abelson² compared the model to the cavity produced by a normal air entry and found that theoretical and observed cavity shapes agreed well up until the time of pullaway. Abelson then modified the model to include the effects of both constant surface pressure and a measured cavity pressure. He then compared the cavities predicted by the altered model to the observed normal air entry cavities and found that the modified model predicted cavity shapes which were, in fact, considerably smaller in size than both the observed cavities or those predicted by the original model. The fact that Birkhoff's original model, unaltered for system pressure, satisfactorily predicts cavities produced by both normal and reduced pressure entries suggested to Abelson that cavity shape might be practically independent of surface or cavity pressure, at least up to the time of pullaway. In an attempt to confirm this hypothesis, Abelson compared the cavities produced by sphere entries from both normal and reduced pressure atmospheres and found that "the cavities were identical until surface closure and then began to deviate increasingly until pullaway, with the cavities of the reduced pressure entries slightly larger." As a result of his observations, Abelson concluded that the cavity shape is in fact practically independent of surface or cavity pressure up to the time of pullaway and hence, that Birkhoff's original model is the one to use to satisfactorily predict cavity shape and that "any modification of the model to include system pressure invalidates it."

¹See footnote 1 on page 7.

²See footnote 2 on page 9.

³See footnote 3 on page 10.

EXPERIMENTAL/THEORETICAL STUDY

Comparisons of Birkhoff's vertical entry model to experiment are limited mostly to shots involving spheres entering at relatively low velocities (below 73 feet/second). An exception is Abelson's comparison of the model to the case of a water entry involving a 3 inch diameter cylindrical missile having a 140 degree conical nose, entering at 200 feet/second from normal air.² In view of these limitations it was felt that it would be useful to compare both the original model and the version modified for surface pressure (in spite of Abelson's conclusion that inclusion of system pressure invalidates the model) to entries involving higher velocities and model configurations other than spheres.

Specifically, theoretical cavities predicted by the models were compared to observed cavities from a number of shots involving normal air pressure entries of right circular cylinders of various diameters and aspect ratios and also to shots involving cylindrical missiles of various sizes having truncated ogive nose configurations.

One source of experimental data was photographic records from vertical water entry tests conducted in the NSWC Pilot Tank Facility in 1967 under the supervision of Dr. A. May.⁴ The shots chosen for this study involved right circular cylinders and stepped right cylinders.* Model and test condition data for the shots chosen from May's test for this study are given in Table 1. Nose flat diameters ranged from 0.9 to 1.5 inches and entry velocities ranged from 175 to 415 feet/second.

High-speed motion pictures from another water entry test program, conducted in the NSWC Undersea Weapons Tank around 1959, provided a second source of experimental data.⁵ This test series involved high speed oblique entries of truncated ogives and right circular cylinders. Although these shots involved oblique entries it was felt that, for the depths of interest in this study (below 50 calibers**), the entry angles of 45, 47 and 70 degrees (from horizontal) were steep enough that changes in the cavity geometry, as compared to a vertical entry, would not be appreciable. For the shots chosen from the series for this study the entry model nose flat diameters ranged from 0.707 to 1.570 inches and entry velocities ranged from 426 to 1175 feet/second. Model and test condition data are given in Table 2.

²See footnote 2 on page 9.

⁴May, A., "The Cavity After Vertical Water Entry," NOLTR 68-114 (1968).

⁵May, A. and Hoover, W. R., "A Study of the Water-Entry Cavity," NOLTR 63-264 (1963).

*For the two shots involving the stepped cylinders, the stepped shoulder remained within the cavity and was not observed to interfere in any way with cavity production.

**Based on nose flat diameters.

TABLE 1

MODEL AND TEST CONDITION DATA: PILOT TANK SERIES

<u>SHOT #</u>	<u>MODEL CONFIG.</u>	<u>NOSE FLAT DIA.</u> (in)	<u>MODEL LENGTH</u> (in)	<u>MODEL WT.</u> (lbs)	<u>MAT'L.</u>
1419	RIGHT CIRC. CYL.	1.000	8.25	1.834	STEEL
1711	RIGHT CIRC. CYL.	1.500	2.00	2.143	UNKNOWN
1438	RIGHT CIRC. CYL.	1.500	4.39	2.195	STEEL
1434	RIGHT CIRC. CYL.	1.500	2.15	1.075	STEEL
1474	SINGLE STEPPED CYL.*	0.900	10.10**	1.818	STEEL
1476	SINGLE STEPPED CYL.*	0.900	10.10**	1.818	STEEL

<u>SHOT #</u>	<u>ENTRY VELOC.</u> (ft/sec)	<u>DRAG AREA</u> (sq in)	<u>CAVITY DRAG COEFF.</u>	<u>ENTRY ANGLE</u>
1419	175.0	.785	.807	VERTICAL
1711	200.3	1.767	.807	VERTICAL
1438	245.0	1.767	.807	VERTICAL
1434	250.0	1.767	.807	VERTICAL
1474	320.0	0.636	.807	VERTICAL
1476	415.0	0.636	.807	VERTICAL

*Stepped cylinder dimensions: 0.90" dia. x 0.975" long nose cylinder;
1.50" dia. x 3.308" long body cylinder.

**Length for an equivalent steel unstepped cylinder (i.e., one having the same weight and nose flat diameter of the stepped cylinder).

TABLE 2
MODEL AND TEST CONDITION DATA: UNDERSEA WEAPONS TANK SERIES

<u>SHOT #</u>	<u>MODEL CONFIG.</u>	<u>NOSE FLAT DIA.*</u> (in)	<u>MODEL LENGTH</u> (in)	<u>MOD WT.</u> (lbs)	<u>MAT'L.</u>
184	TRUNCATED OGIVE	0.707"	NOT AVAILABLE	1.599	NOT AVAILABLE
192	TRUNCATED OGIVE	0.864	NOT AVAILABLE	1.600	NOT AVAILABLE
205	TRUNCATED OGIVE	.774	NOT AVAILABLE	1.669	NOT AVAILABLE
193	TRUNCATED OGIVE	.864	NOT AVAILABLE	1.600	NOT AVAILABLE
63	TRUNCATED OGIVE	.785	NOT AVAILABLE	1.652	NOT AVAILABLE
172	RIGHT CIRC. CYL.	1.570	NOT AVAILABLE	1.537	NOT AVAILABLE

<u>SHOT #</u>	<u>ENTRY VELOC.</u> (ft/sec)	<u>DRAG AREA</u> (sq in)	<u>CAVITY DRAG COEFF.</u>	<u>ENTRY ANGLE**</u> (deg)
184	426.0	.393	.800	47.0
192	548.0	.586	.800	47.0
205	599.0	.471	.800	47.0
193	832.0	.586	.800	47.0
63	946.0	.484	.800	70.0
172	1175.0	1.936	.800	45.0

*For these models full body diameters were equal to 1.57 inches.

**Angle between theoretical gun line and water surface.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

All together, twelve water entries were modelled with results presented in the form of cavity diameter histories shown in Figures 9 through 23. The curves in Figures 9 through 20 compare observed cavities with cavities predicted by the altered theoretical model which includes effects of surface pressure. The remaining curves in Figures 21 through 23 compare observed cavities with cavities predicted by Birkhoff's original model. Each graph contains cavity diameter time histories for both predicted and observed cavities at selected depths. The data in nearly all the plots extend well beyond the time of pullaway (the only exception is shot #172 where a deep closure occurred and no pullaway was observed). Time data were obtained from timing marks present on the film.

For the curves in Figures 9 through 23, corresponding to the study with surface pressure, the following observations were made:

1. In general the model altered for surface pressure appears to underestimate the cavity diameter, hence cavity size. This observation should be expected to some degree since cavity pressure is assumed to be zero. The exceptions are shots #63 and #1476. In both these cases curves for observed and predicted cavities agree closely for all depths for roughly the first half of the curves, corresponding to cavity growth, then for the last half, corresponding to cavity collapse, the model overestimates the diameters.

2. Model correctly predicts a deep closure type of collapse (collapse from the bottom up) for shot #172 and base closure type collapse (collapse from top of the cavity downward) for the remaining shots.

3. Theoretical "lag times" (times needed for missile to reach selected depths) which have nothing to do with the model but result from the assumption of constant cavity drag coefficient, agree well with observed lag times.

Following the cavity diameter histories is a set of curves in Figure 24 showing the results of a parametric study of the surface pressure P_0 to determine the sensitivity of cavity size, at a representative depth of 20 calibers, to variations in surface pressure.

The cavity diameter histories in Figure 25 are for a theoretical cavity predicted by Birkhoff's original model. It is included to show how the typical theoretical cavity behaves since, for the study involving the original model in Figures 21 through 23 only a small portion of the theoretical curves could be shown on the graphs because of their extremely long periods, as compared to the experimental curves. The diameter histories in Figure 25 (essentially an extension of the theoretical curves in Figure 15 for shot #1474) indicate that a deep closure occurs at a depth of 140 calibers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations suggest areas to consider for future work and items which may be of concern in a more involved study:

1. Some years ago, according to H. K. Steves, there were shots done in the NSWC Hydro-Ballistics Tank Facility involving high speed vertical entries which are recorded on film. It may be useful to see how well cavities produced by the model compare with these cavities since the high speed shots considered in this study involved oblique entries whereas the flow model is intended to be applied to vertical entries.

2. Reread the photographic records for the vertical entries in Figures 21 through 23 to determine approximately when the time of pullaway occurs and indicate these times on the graphs. Then compare the results in these curves with Abelson's suggestion that cavity shape can be satisfactorily predicted up until pullaway for normal air entries using Birkhoff's original model.

3. Modifications should be made to the current version of the cavity modelling code to enable it to handle the problems associated with modelling the cavity in the critical minimum depth region. Currently no such capability exists in the code, consequently programming difficulties related to the numerical complications described earlier will arise if an attempt is made to model in this region. At the very least, changes could be made to the code so that it will simply ignore specified depths which fall within the critical region and, in addition, issue a message warning the user of the condition. More sophisticated modifications could allow some limited modelling within this critical region.

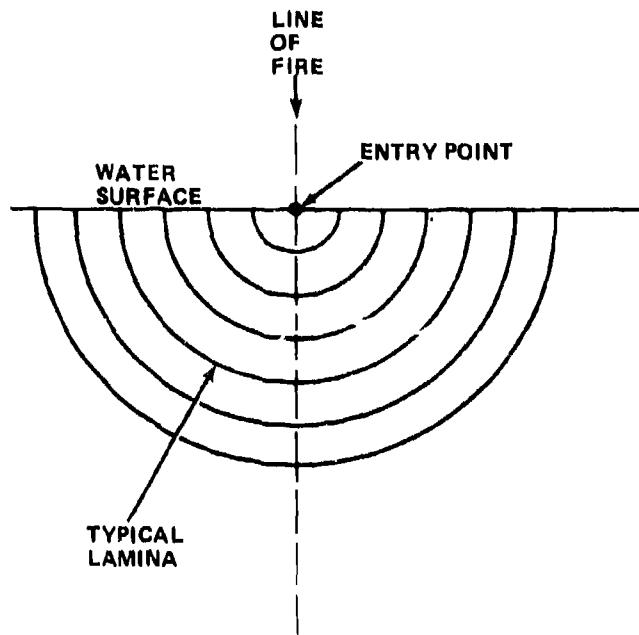


FIGURE 1 LIQUID MEDIUM SHOWN SUB-DIVIDED INTO CONCENTRIC SPHERICAL SHELL OR "LAMINA" REGIONS

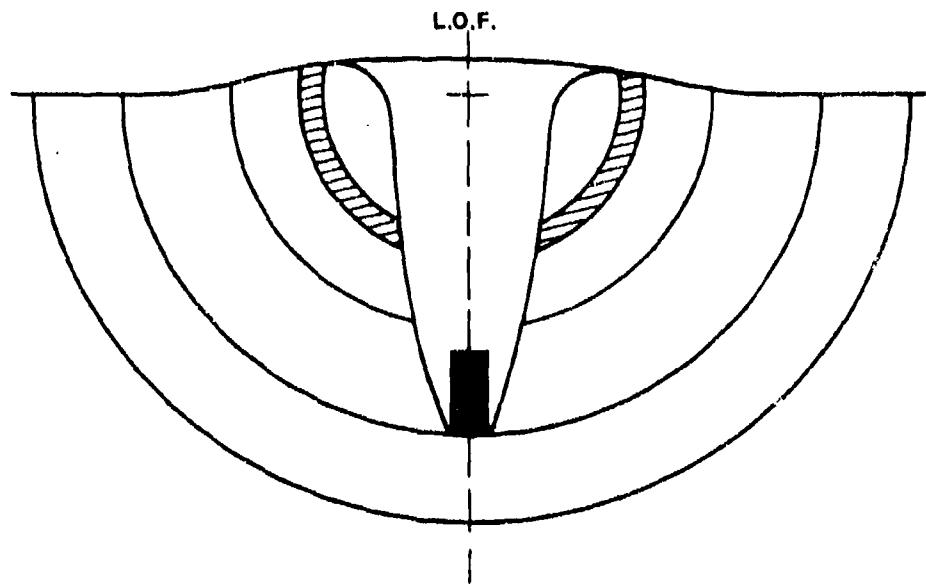


FIGURE 2 DISPLACEMENT OF FLUID SHELLS TO FORM CAVITY

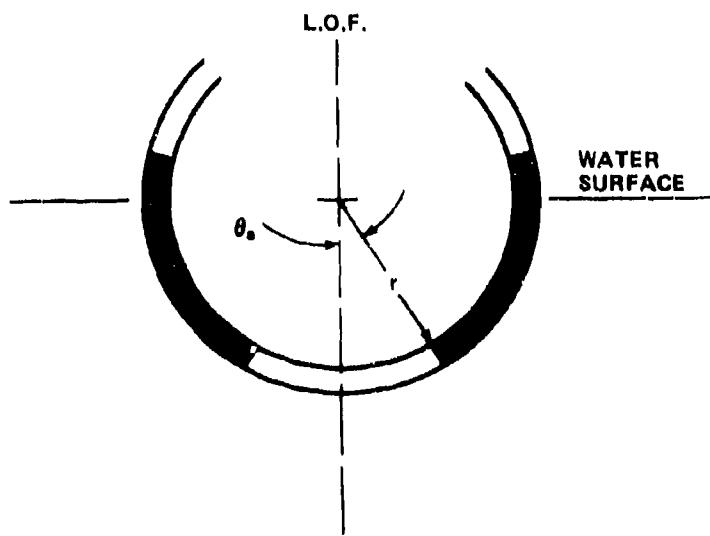


FIGURE 3 FLUID LAMINA GEOMETRY

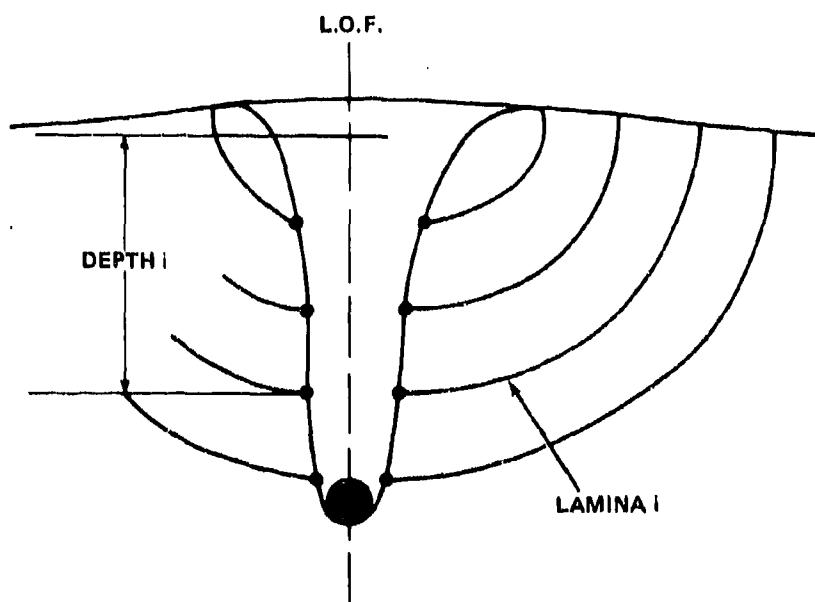


FIGURE 4 MODELLING THE CAVITY WITH THE USE OF LAMINAS AT SELECTED DEPTHS

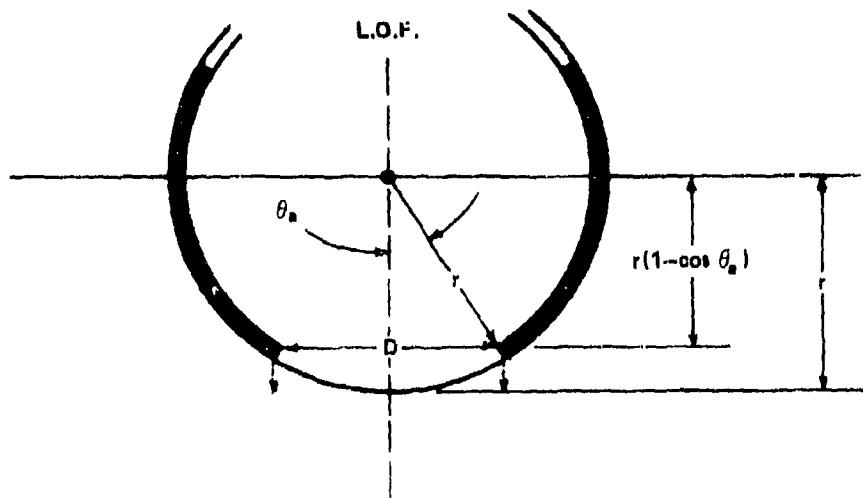


FIGURE 5 CAVITY DIAMETER APPROXIMATION. DIAMETER AT DEPTH r
APPROXIMATED BY PROJECTING D DOWN TO DEPTH r

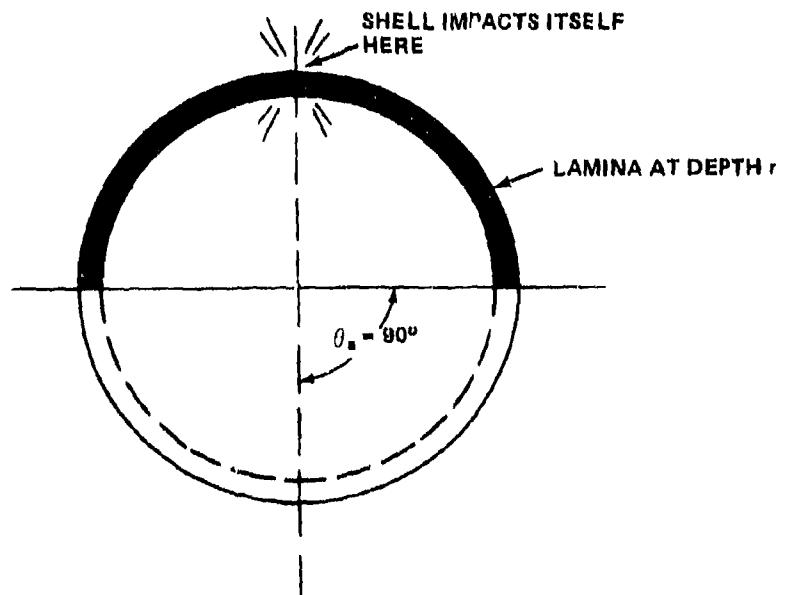


FIGURE 6 FLUID SHELL IMPACTING ITSELF

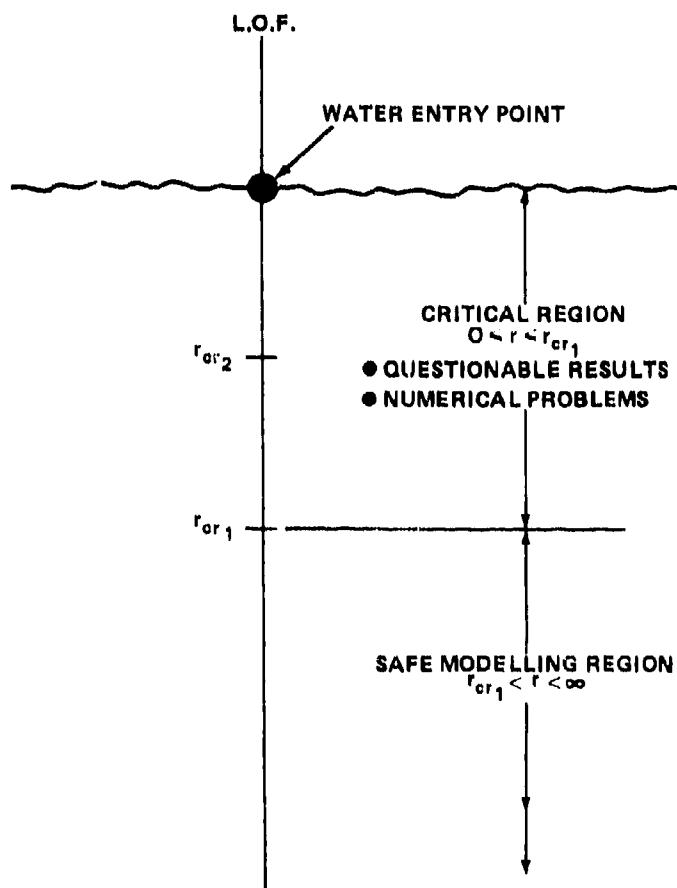


FIGURE 7 SUMMARY OF CRITICAL MINIMUM DEPTH RESTRICTIONS

SAMPLE RUN

ENT VEL = 250 fps
GUN ANG = VERTICAL
MODEL GEOM = 1.5" DIA x 2.16" LG RT CYL (STEEL)
MODEL WT = 0.904 LBS
1 CALIBER = 1 NOSE FLAT DIA
 $P_0 = 1 \text{ ATM}$

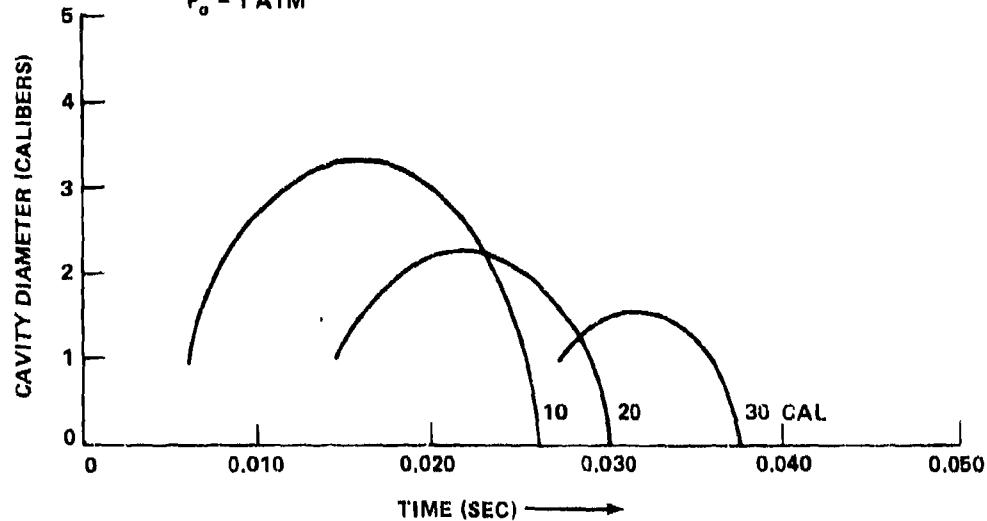


FIGURE 8 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

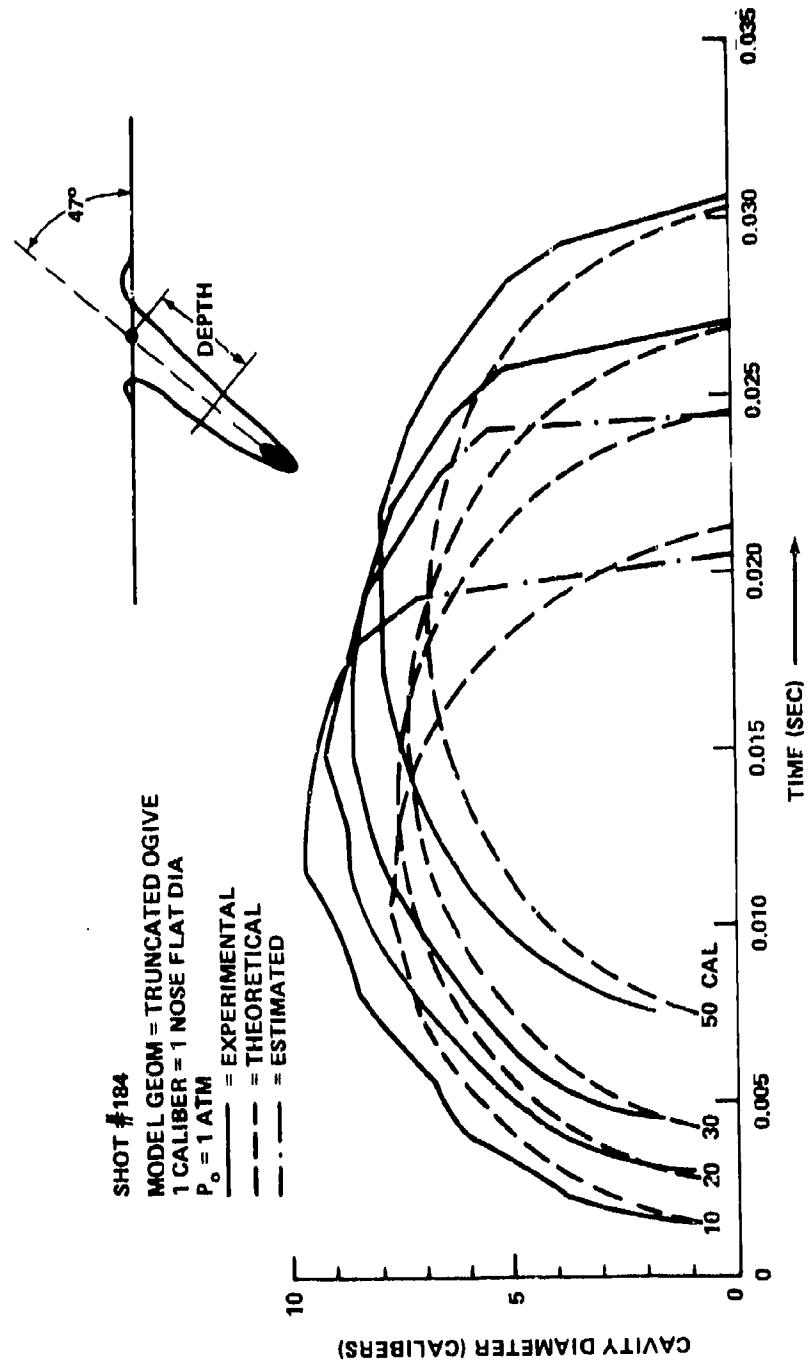


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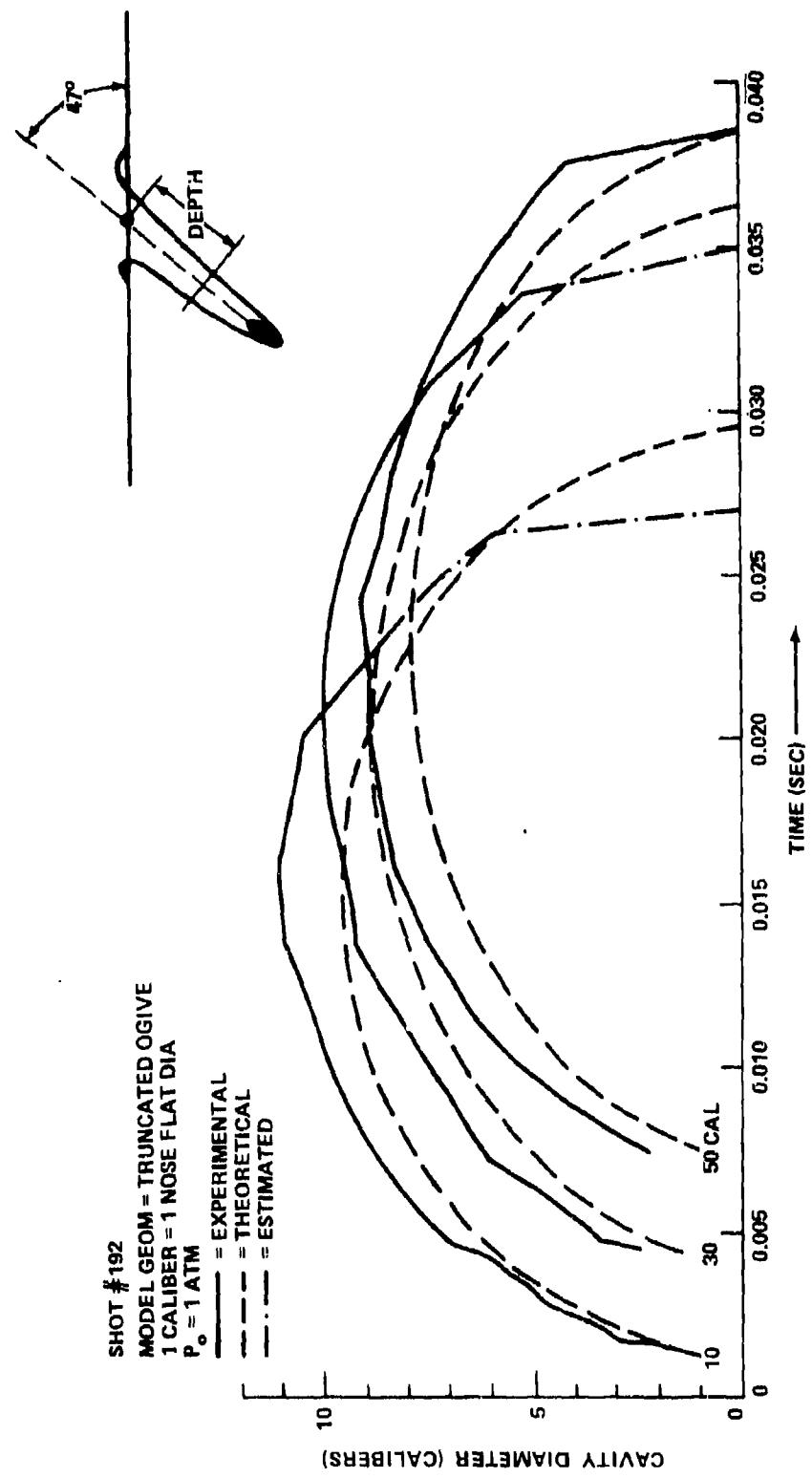


FIGURE 10 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

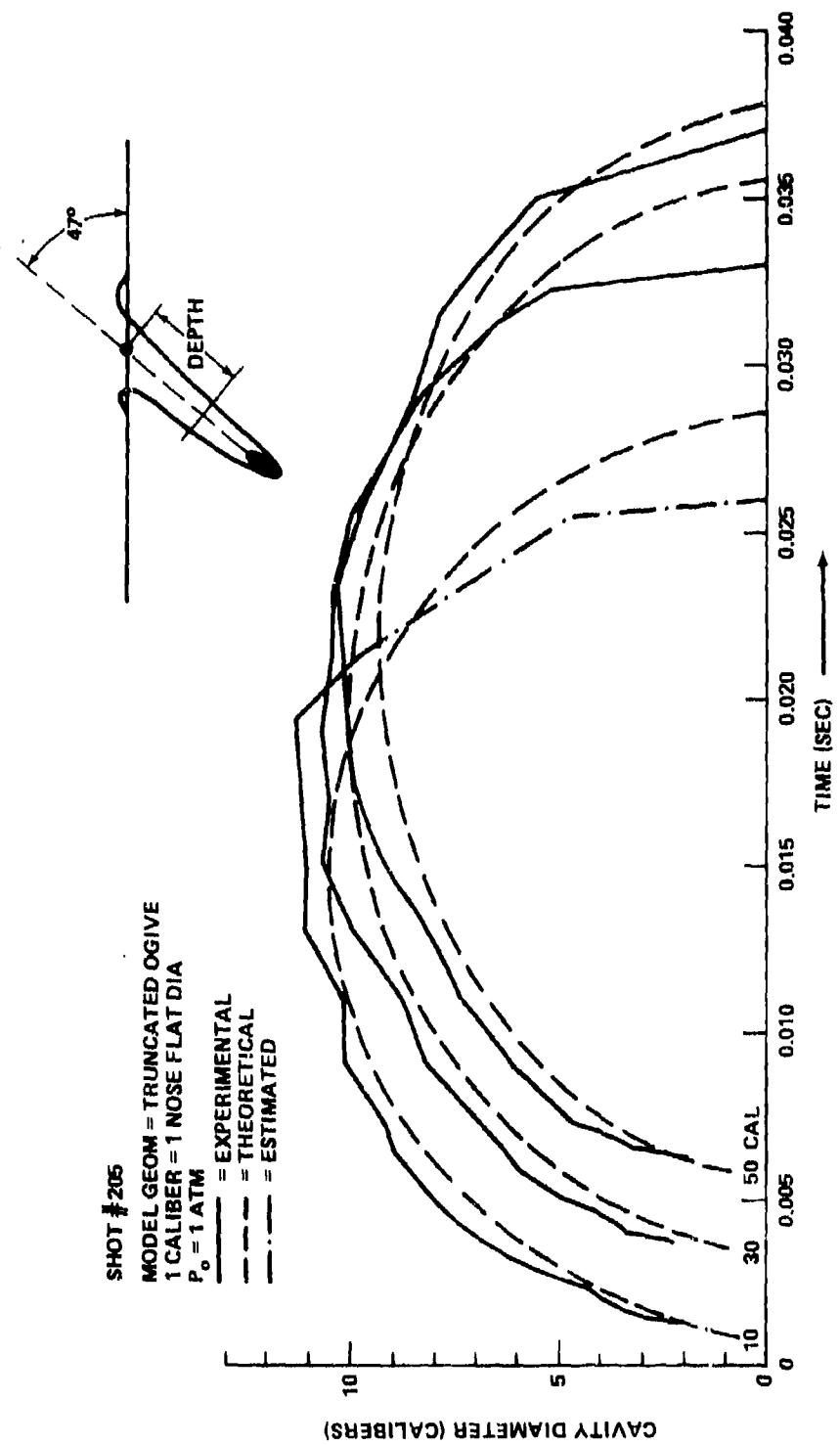


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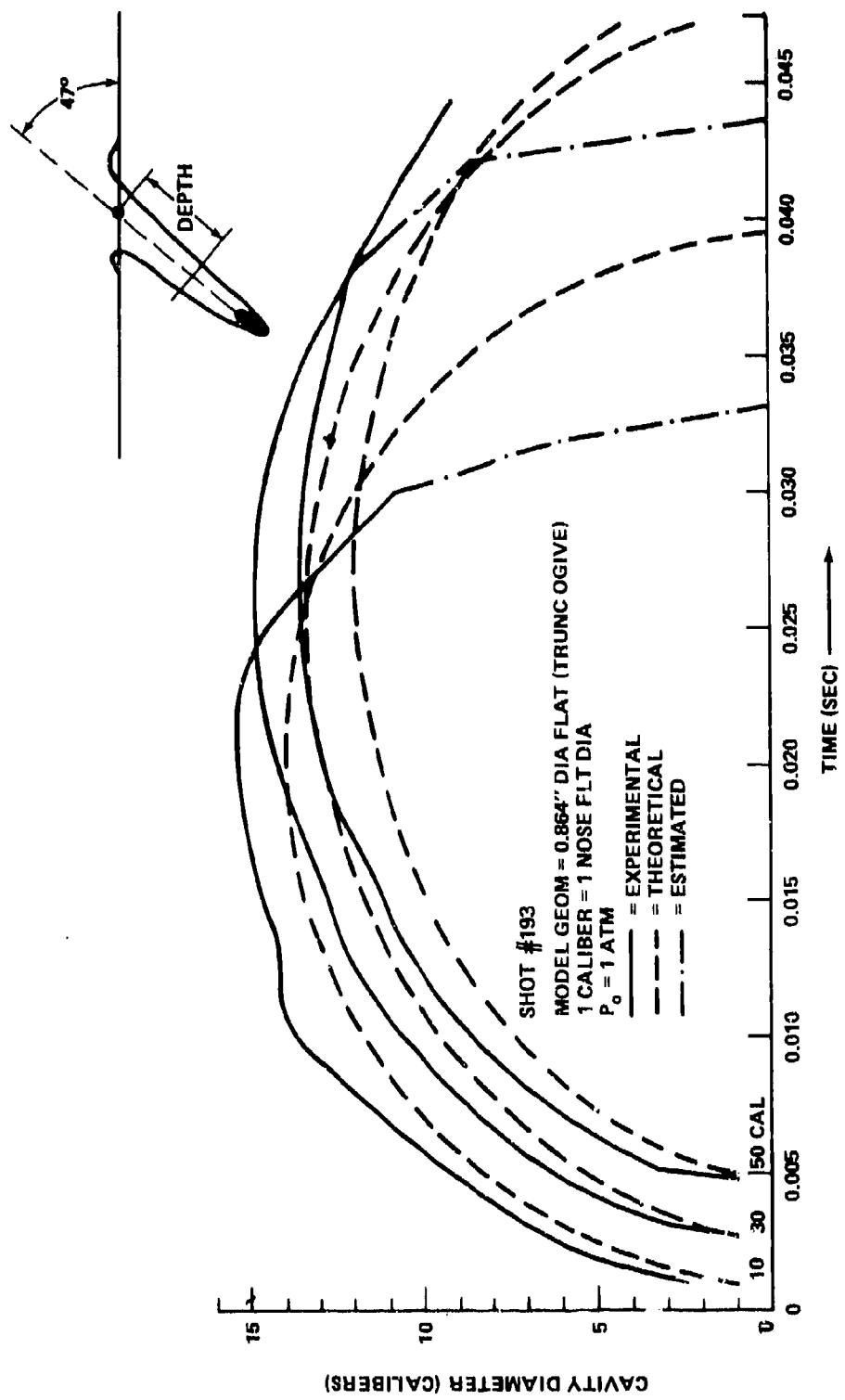


FIGURE 12 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

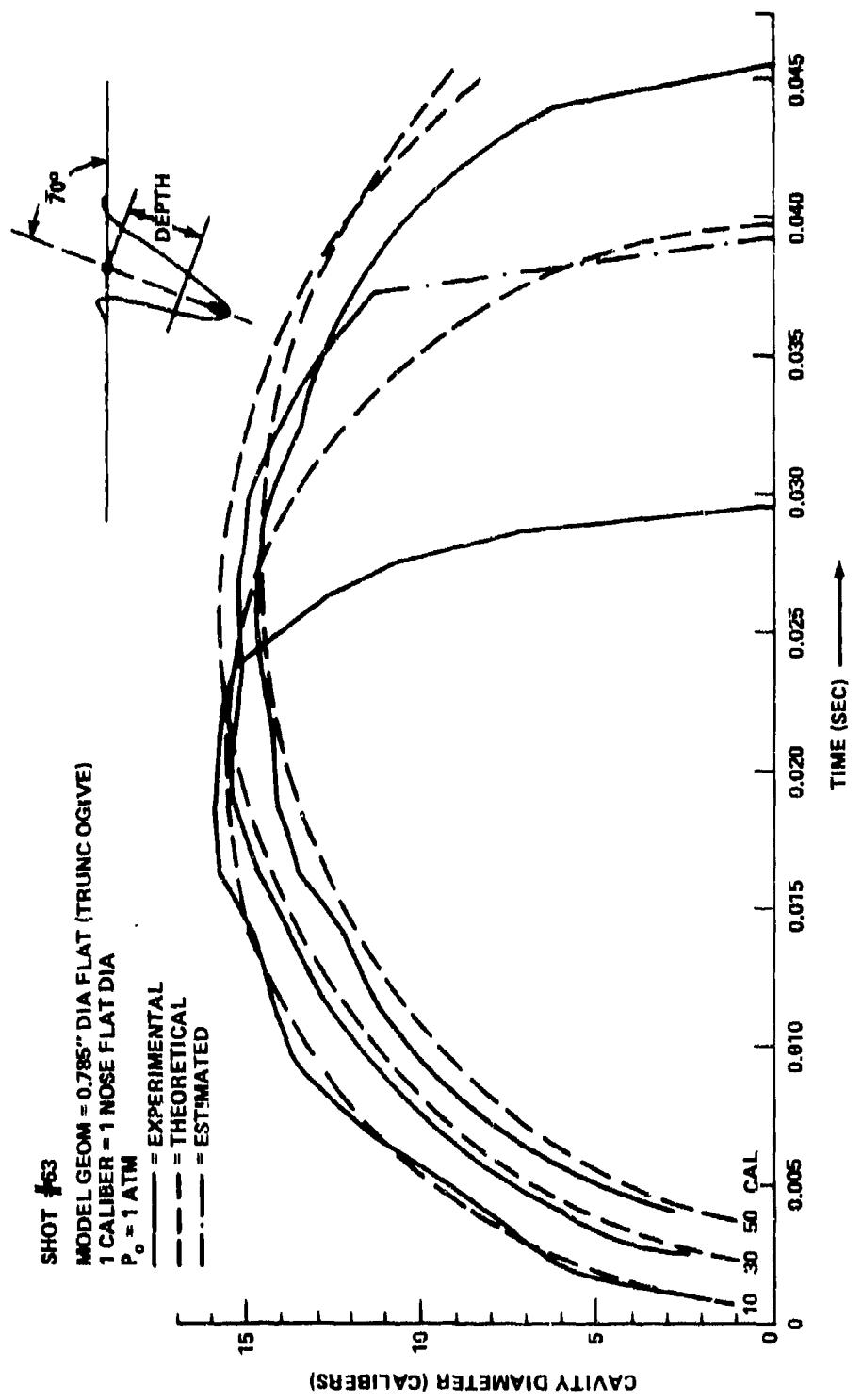


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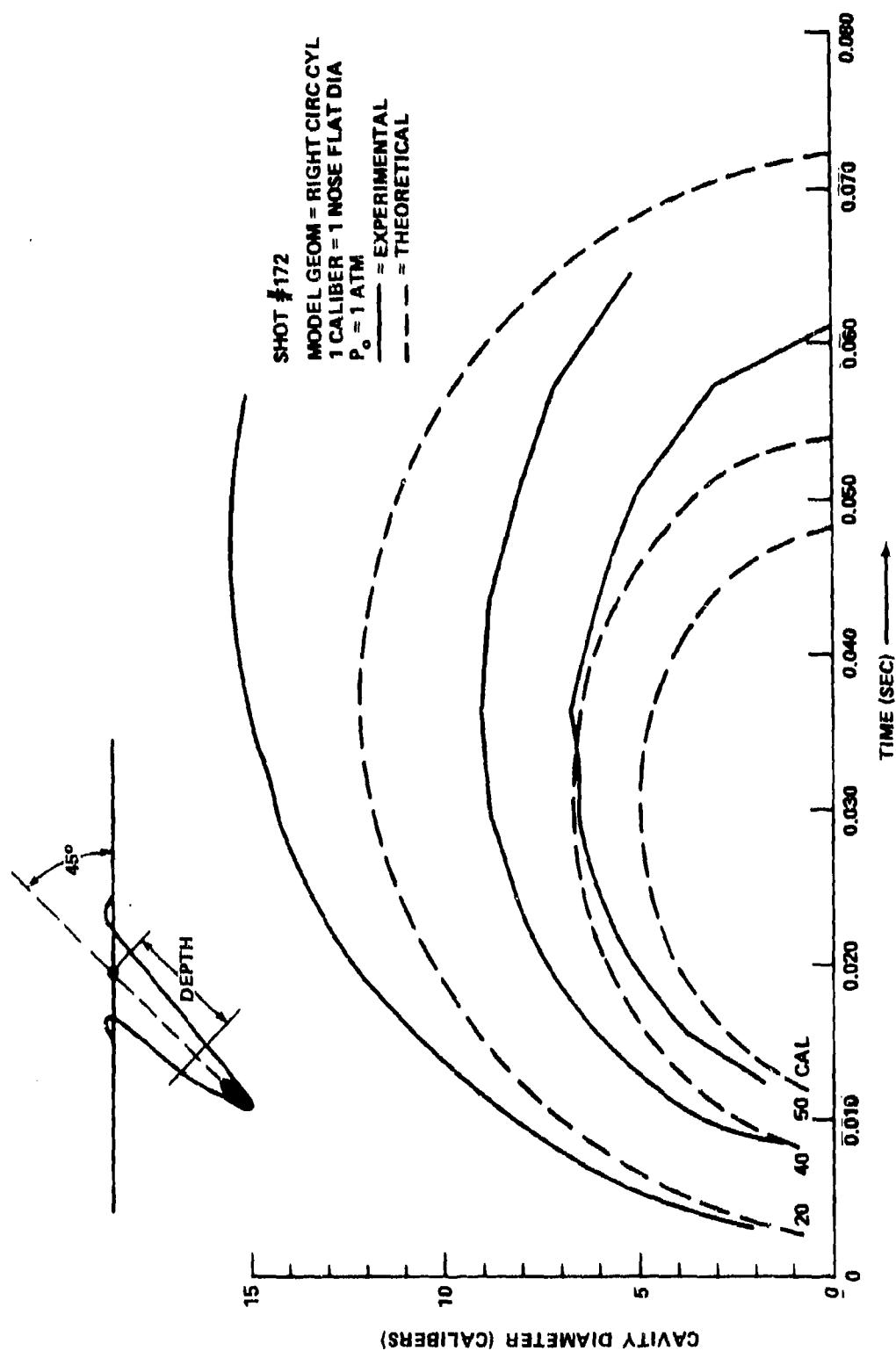


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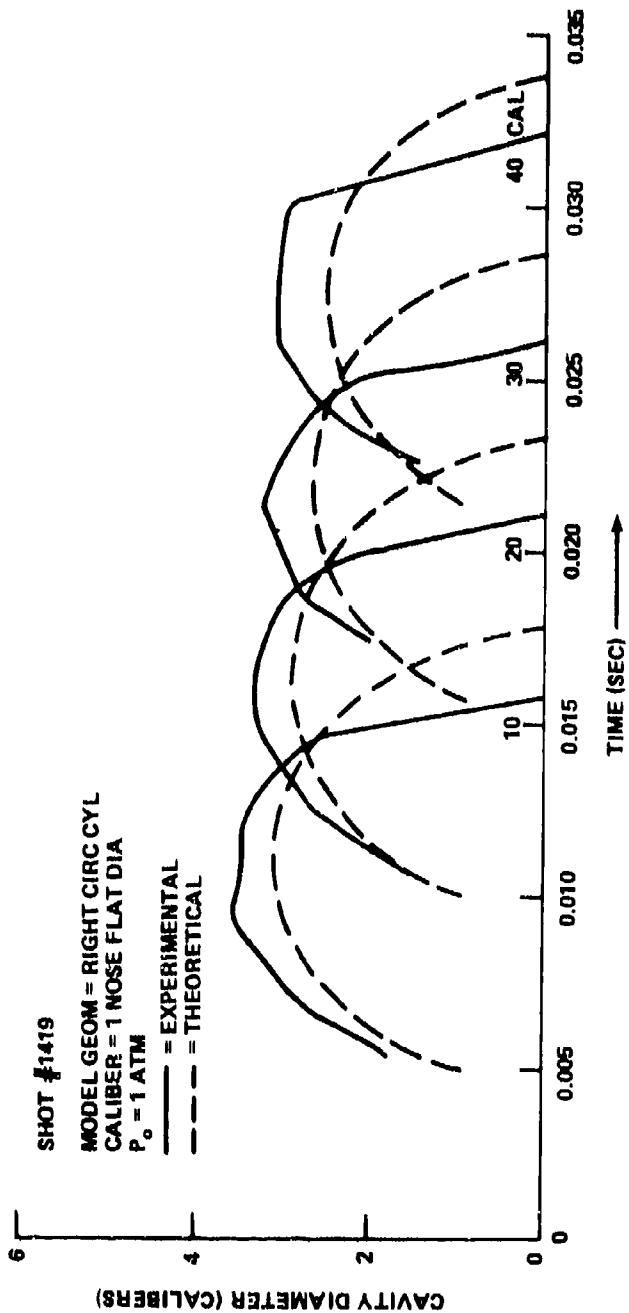


FIGURE 15 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

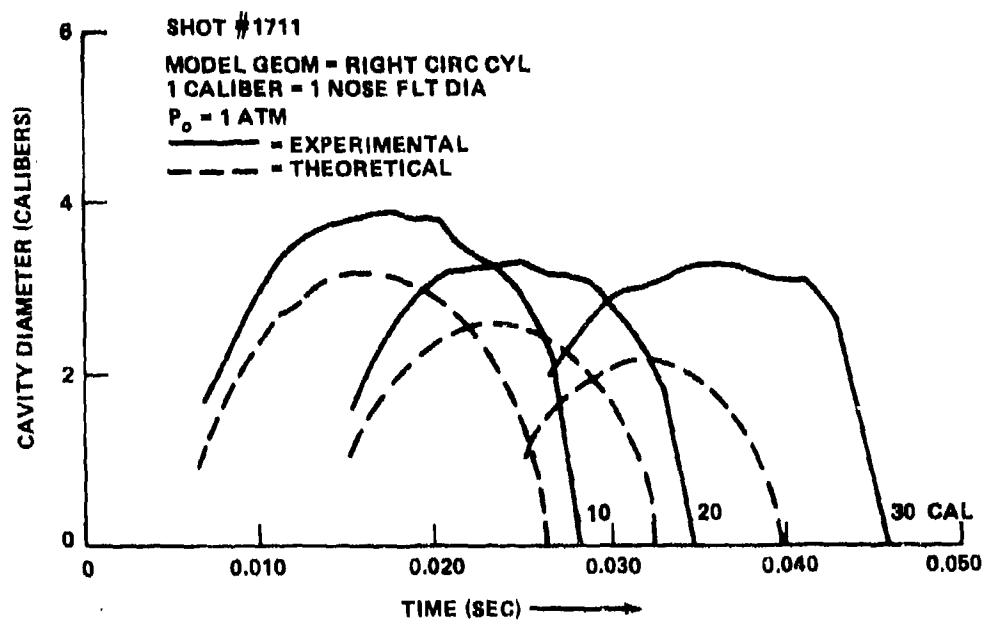


FIGURE 16 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

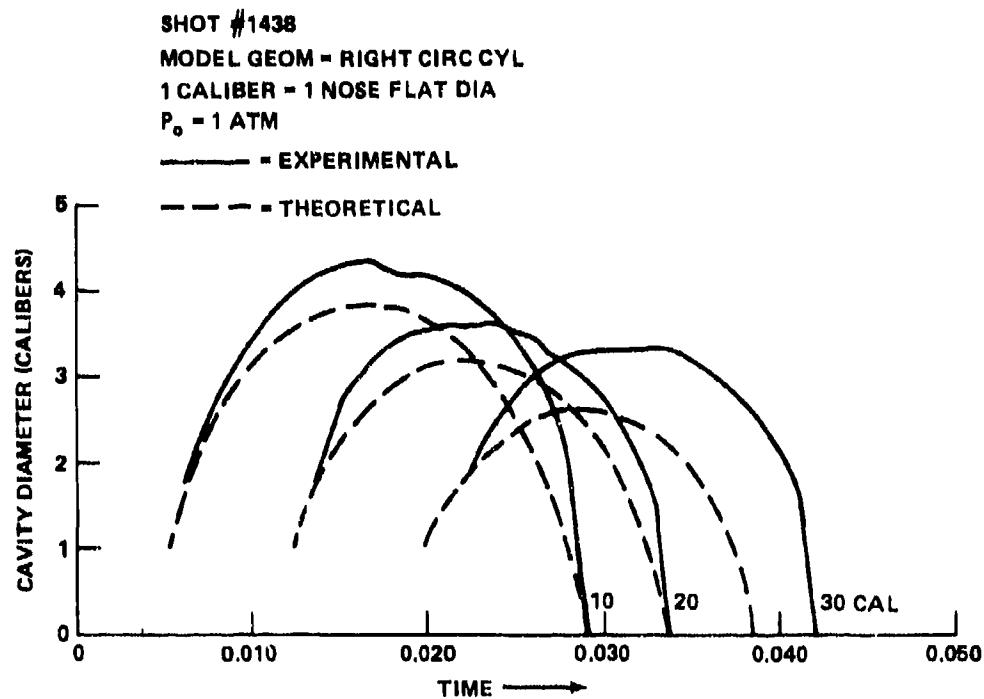


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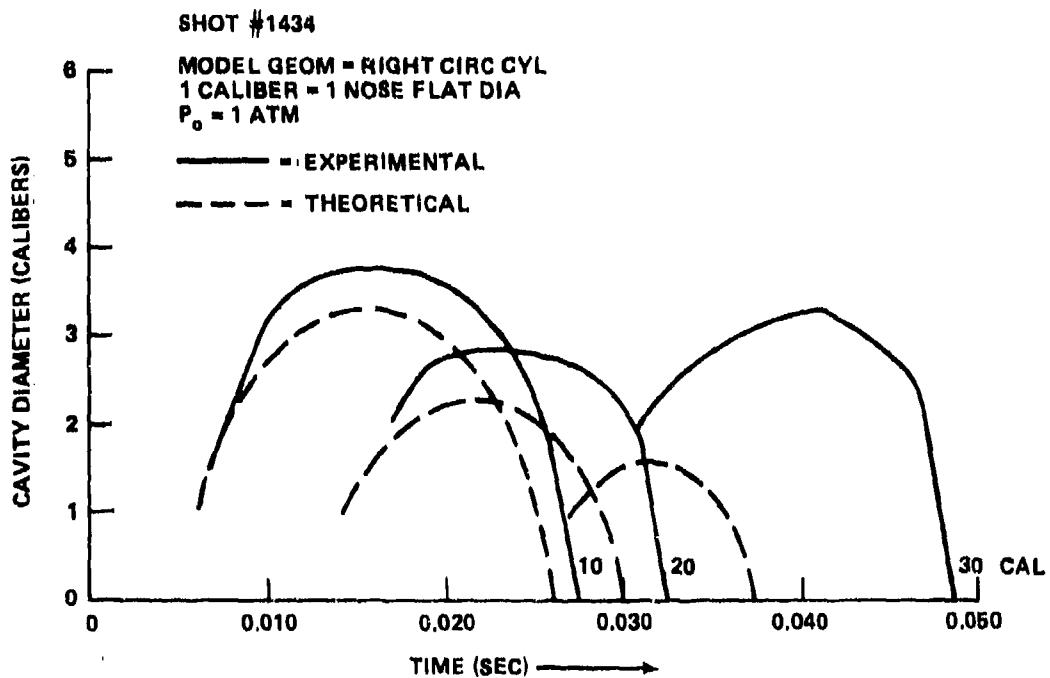


FIGURE 18 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

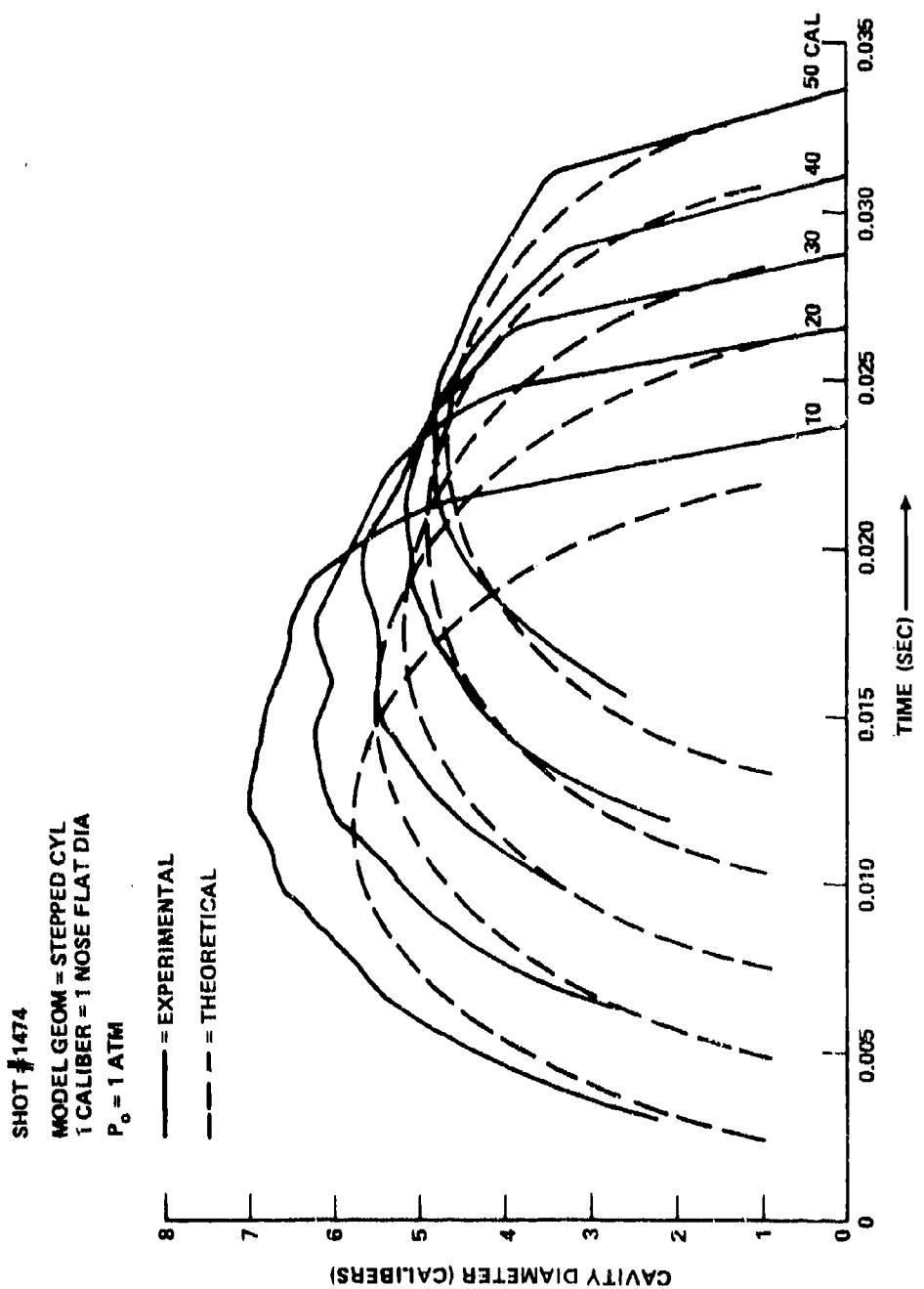


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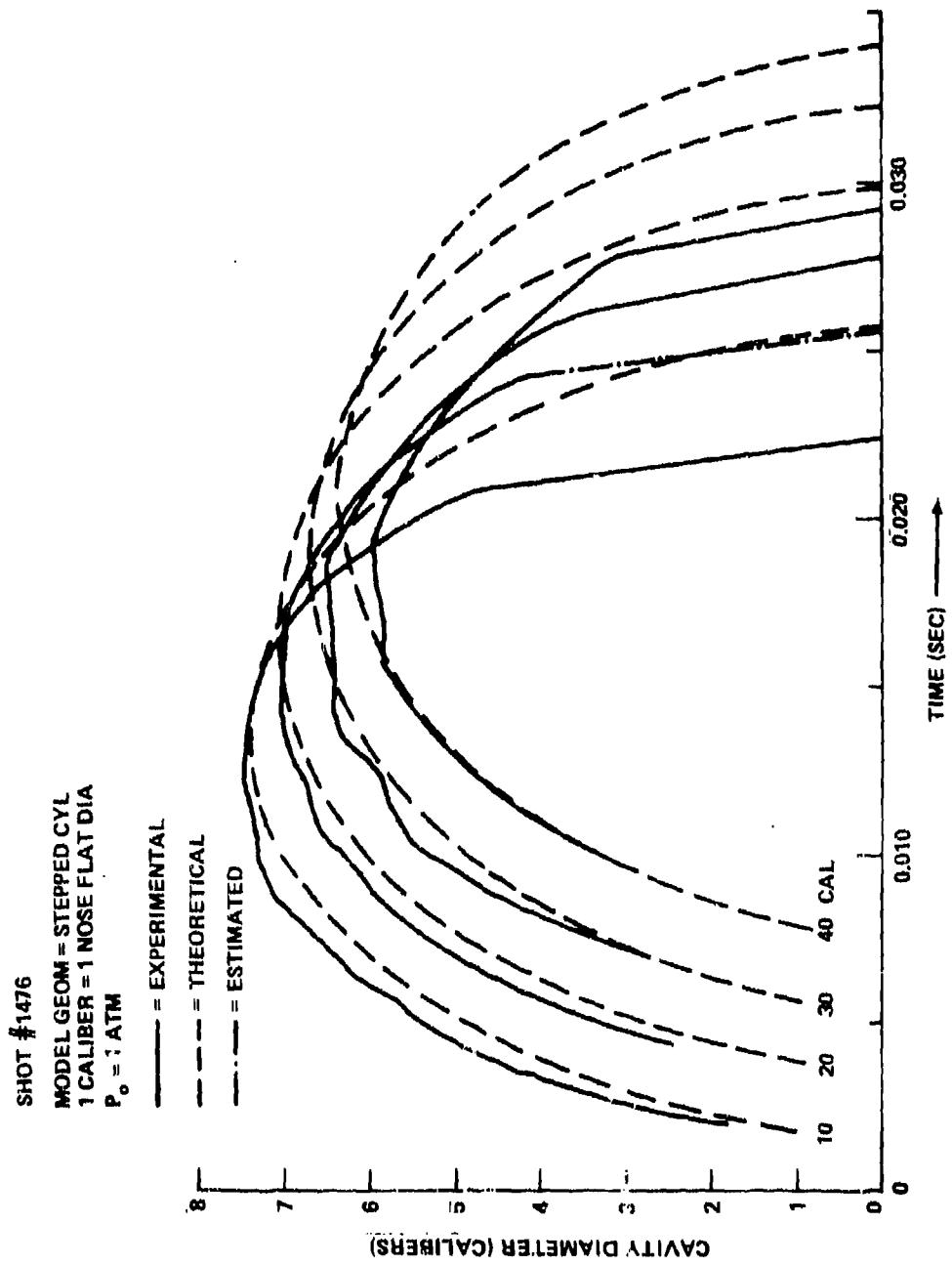


FIGURE 20 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

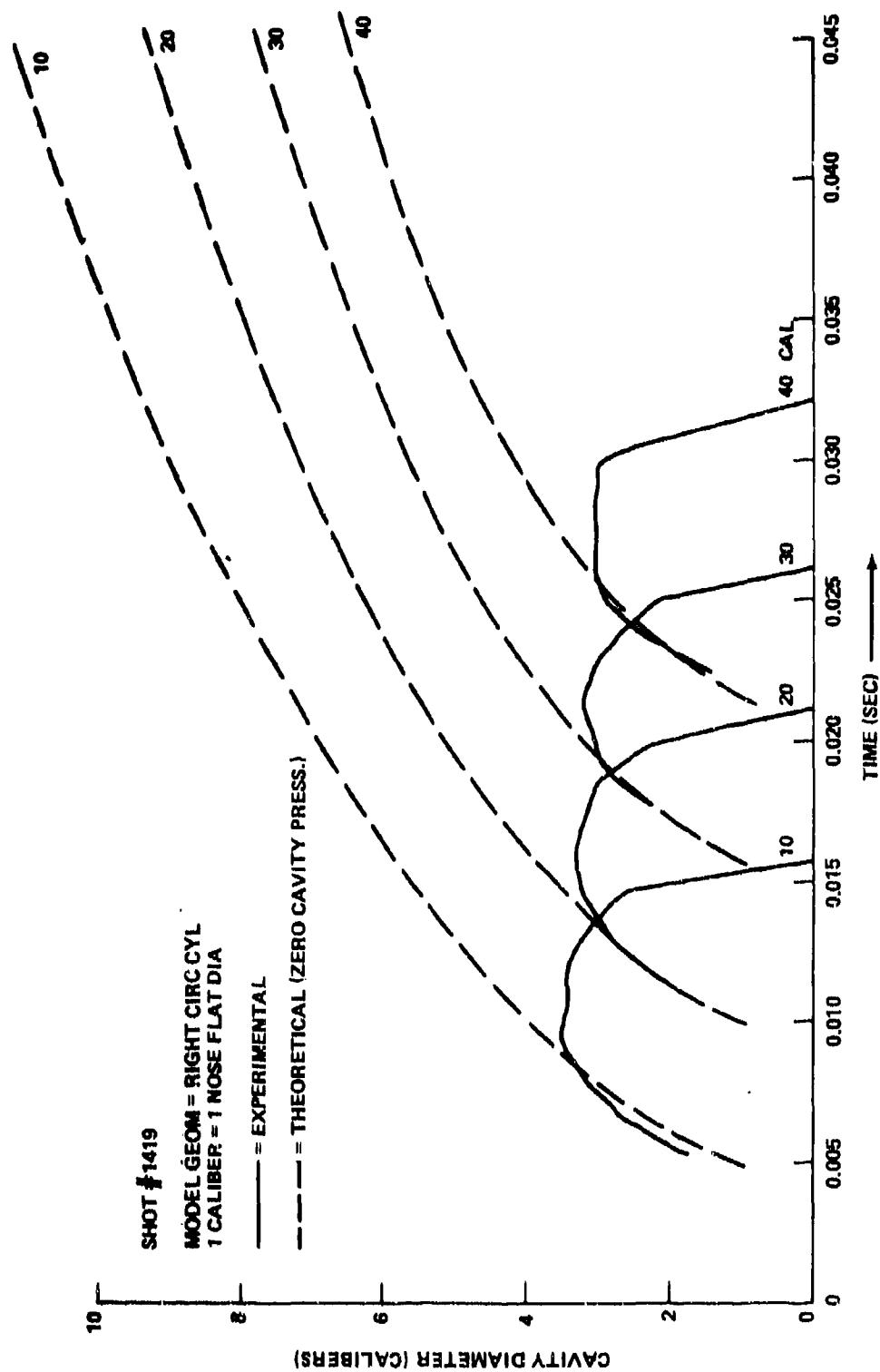


FIGURE 21 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

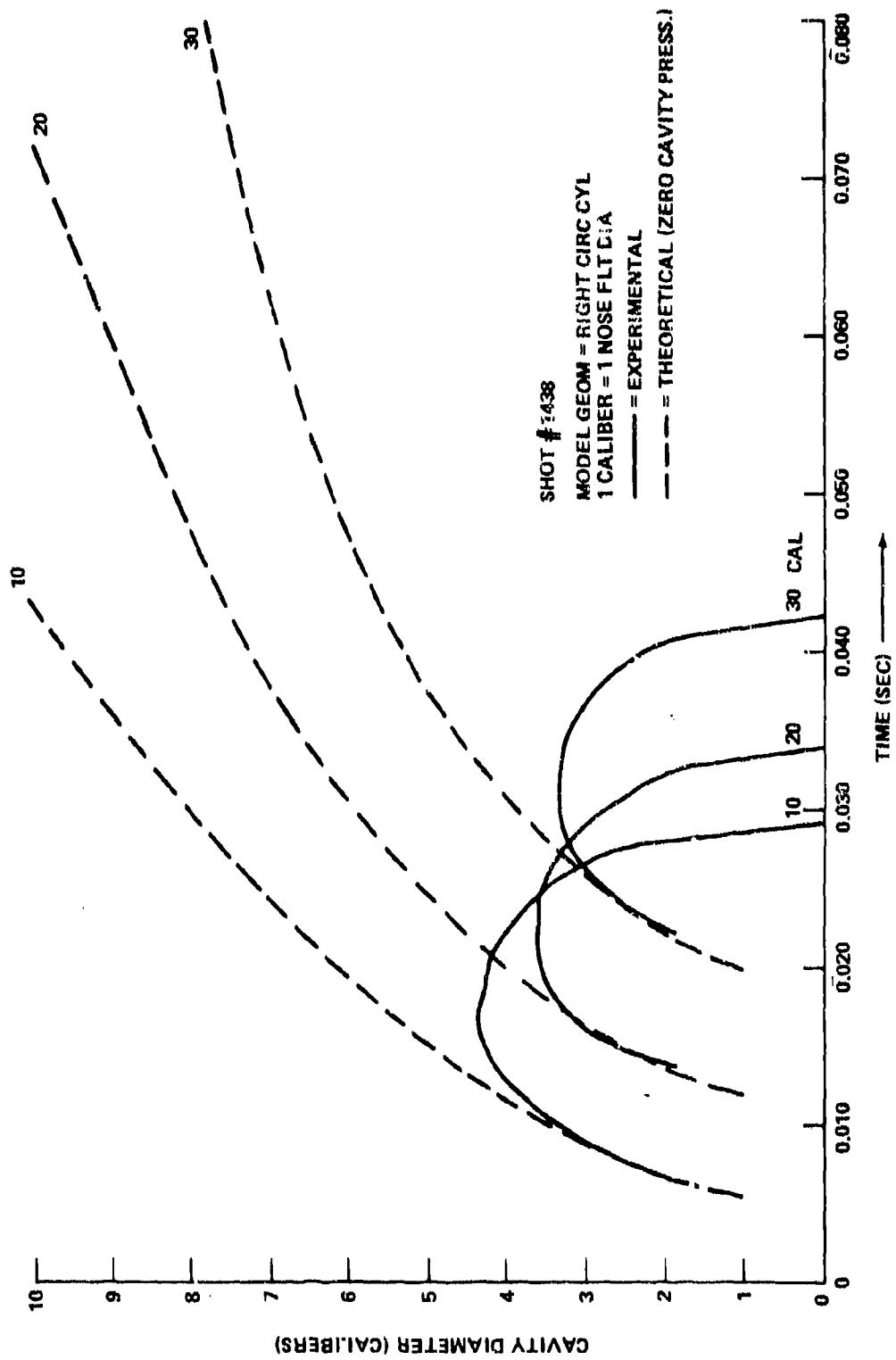


FIGURE 22 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

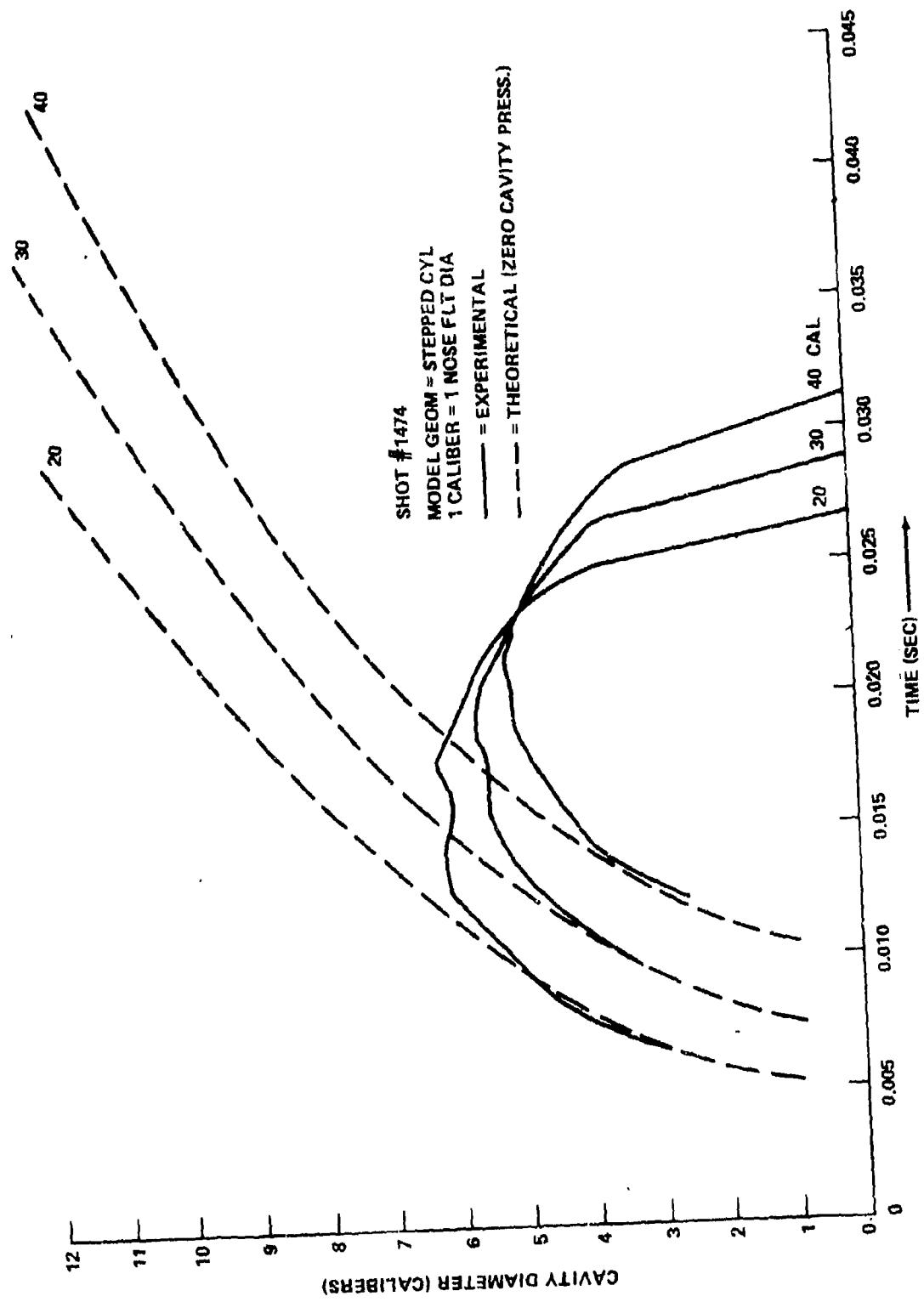


FIGURE 23 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS TIME

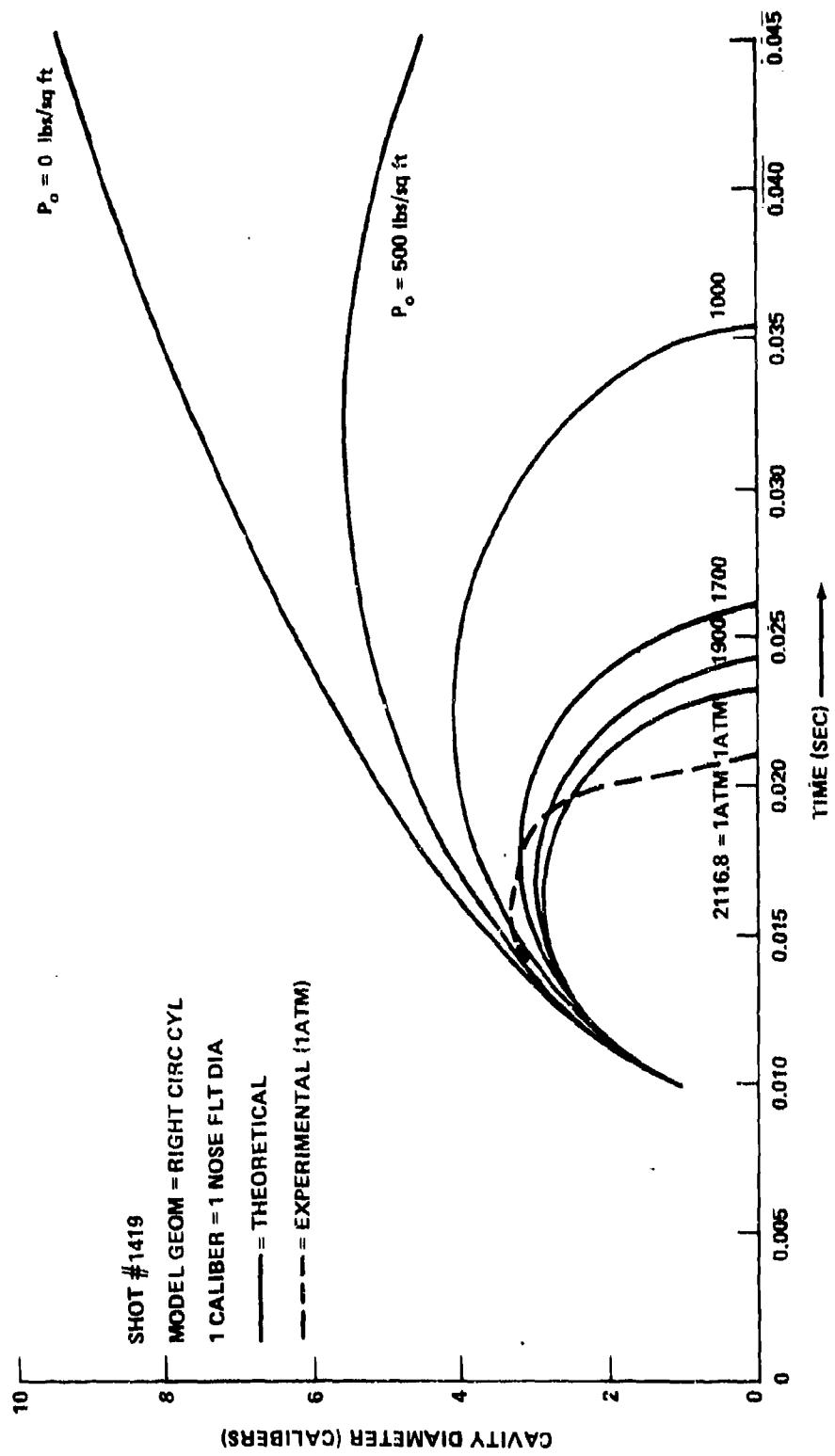


FIGURE 24 CAVITY DIAMETER AT 20 CAL DEPTH VS TIME, FOR VARIOUS SURFACE PRESSURES

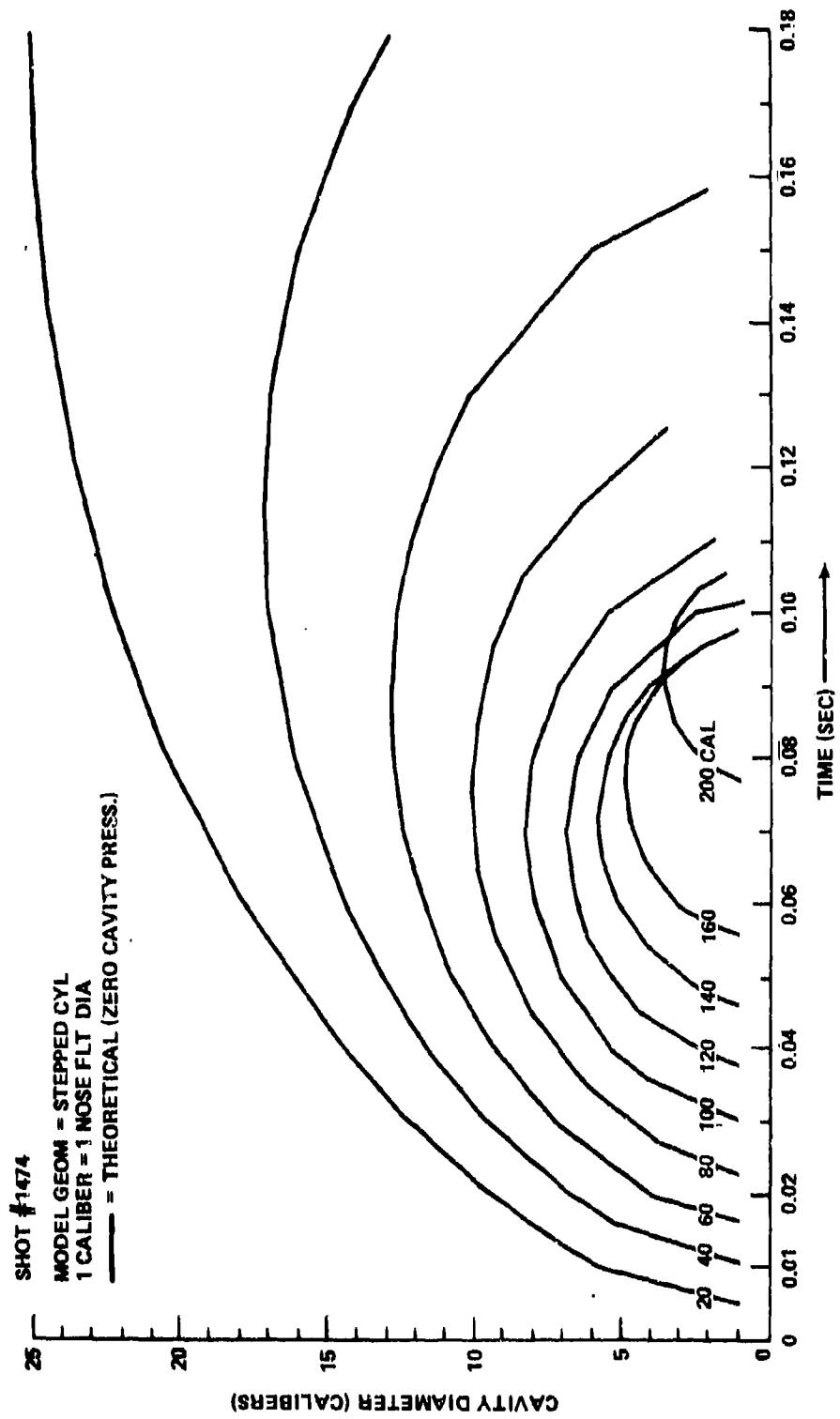


FIGURE 25 CAVITY DIAMETER AT VARIOUS DEPTHS VS. TIME

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TERMS

A_c	Missile cross-sectional drag area
A_s	Lamina rim surface area
C_D	Cavity drag coefficient of projectile based on A_c
D	Diameter of lamina opening; diameter of cavity at a given depth; missile nose-flat diameter
g	Gravitational acceleration
m_p	Projectile mass
P_0	Atmospheric surface pressure
r	Radius (and "depth") of spherical lamina
r_{cr1}	First critical minimum depth
r_{cr2}	Second critical minimum depth
r_p	Projectile depth
R_p	Diameter of axis-symmetric projectile body at zone of separation
t	Elapsed time for missile to reach depth r , measured from entry
T_f	Kinetic energy of fluid in shell
T_p	Kinetic energy of projectile
v_p	Projectile velocity
v_{p_0}	Projectile velocity at water impact
V	Total potential energy of lamina/surface-pressure system
V_g	Potential energy of lamina due to gravity

V_{in}	Initial potential energy of lamina/surface-pressure system in the at-rest (i.e., $\theta_a = 0$) position
V_{peak}	Potential energy of lamina/surface-pressure system when lamina is at peak of its swing (i.e., $\theta_a = \theta_m$)
V_{p_0}	Potential resulting from atmospheric surface pressure
W_{p_0}	Work done by pressure p_0 acting on lamina
X, Z	Space saving substitution parameters
α	Retardation coefficient, $\alpha = C_D A_c \rho_w / 2 m_p$
θ_a, θ_b	Fluid shell displacement angles
θ_{a_0}	Initial shell angle
θ_m	Maximum possible value of the shell angle θ_a
ρ_w	Density of water

APPENDIX A
PROGRAM LISTING AND SAMPLE OUTPUT

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1 C - P R O G R A M D E S C R I P T I O N -
5 C
C

10 C THE PROGRAM LISTED BELOW IS DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT A
5 C NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF THE THEORETICAL EQUATIONS OF MOTION
C WHICH APPROXIMATELY PREDICT BEHAVIOR OF WATER ENTRY CAV-
C ITIES FOR VERTICAL WATER ENTRY.

15 C THE EQUATIONS ARE TAKEN FROM A HYDRAULIC CAVITY
C FLOW MODEL, PROPOSED BY G. BIRKHOFF AND R. ISAACS ("TRAN-
C SIENT CAVITIES IN AIR WATER ENTRY," NAVORD 1490, 1951),
C WHICH IS BASED ON THE APPROXIMATE HYPOTHESIS THAT STREAM-
C LINES LIE ON CONCENTRIC SPHERICAL SURFACES (OR "LAMINAS")
C CENTERED AT THE POINT OF IMPACT. ANY NOSE CONFIGURATION FOR
C WHICH THE DRAG COEFF. IS KNOWN MAY BE MODIFIED. THE EQUA-
C TIONS AS USED IN THE PROGRAM HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO INCLUDE
C AN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE TERM.

20 C SPECIFICALLY THE PROGRAM GENERATES "LAMINA PERFOR-
C MANCE DATA TABLES" FOR THE LAMINAS AT USER SPECIFIED DEPTHS
(MEASURED ALONG THE LINE-OF-FIRE), BY MEANS OF A STEP-BY-
C STEP INTEGRATION OF THE LAMINA MOTION EQNS. COMBINING THE
C DATA IN THE TABLES FOR LAMINAS AT SEVERAL DEPTHS MAKES IT
C POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE PERFORMANCE HISTORY OF THE OVERALL
C CAVITY. THE OUTPUT DATA ARE DISPLAYED IN TERMS OF POLAR
C COORDINATE. HOWEVER FOR CONVENIENCE AN APPROXIMATE CAVITY
C DIAMETER IS COMPUTED AND DISPLAYED BUT IS ACCURATE ONLY
C FOR SUFFICIENTLY SMALL VALUES OF THE VARIABLE "ANGLE".

25 C DIRECTIONS TO SET UP THE INPUT DECK APPEAR BELOW
C ALONG WITH A DESCRIPTION OF IMPORTANT VARIABLES. THE PRO-
C GRAM FEATURES A PRINT FREQUENCY PARAMETER, "NSTORE", WHICH
C AIDS IN REDUCING THE QUANTITY OF OUTPUT PRODUCED. ALSO
C THE USER NEED NOT BOTHER WITH "MAX ITERATION" OR "MAX TIME"
C PARAMETERS SINCE, WHEN THE MOTION OF A PARTICULAR LAMINA
C IS COMPLETED, COMPUTATIONS FOR THAT LAMINA ARE TERMINATED
C AUTOMATICALLY.

35 C PROGRAM AUTHUR- M. A. METZGER - SEPT. 1980

40 C * INPUT DATA *

45 C FIRST CARD -
C

50 C VARIABLES = HEFDIA,RLNGTH,WEIGHT,RMDRH0,DGAREA,DGCOEF
C DESCRIPTION = REFERENCE DIAM. (IN.), MODEL LENGTH (IN.),
C MODEL WEIGHT (LBS.), MOD. DENS. (LB/CU. IN.),
C DRAG AREA (SQ. IN.), DRAG COEFF., RESP.
C FORMAT = 6F10.5

55 C SECOND CARD -
C

60 C VARIABLES = ENTVEL,NDEPTH
C DESCRIPTION = ENTRY VELOCITY (FPS), NUMBER OF SPECI-
C FIED DEPTHS PARAMETER, RESPECTIVELY.
C FORMAT = F10.5,IS

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PROGRAM CAVITY (INPUT,OUTPUT,TAPES=INPUT,TAPE6=OUTPUT)

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*****  
* PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS  
*****
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REAL MDMASS , MDLDEP
DIMENSION DEPTH(10),DELTA(10),NSTORE(10)
GRAVITY=32.174
WATRHO=1.93945
PRESSR=2114.0
READ(5,1000) REFDIA,RLNGTH,WEIGHT,RMDRHO,DGAREA,DGCOEF
READ(5,1010) ENTVEL,NDEPTH
DO 1 I=1,NDEPTH
  READ(5,1020) DEPTH(I),DELTA(I),NSTORE(I)
1 CONTINUE
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* PRINT REFERENCE INFO TABLE *

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WRITE(6,2000) REFDIA,RLNGTH,DGCOEF,DGAREA,WEIGHT,
  RMDRHO,WATRHO,PRESSR,GRAVITY,ENTVEL,NDEPTH
REFDIA=REFDIA/12.0
DGAREA=DGAREA/144.0
MDMASS=WEIGHT/32.174
RETARD=(DGCOEF*DGAAREA*WATRHO)/(2.0*MDMASS)
WRITE(6,2005) RETARD
WRITE(6,2010) (DEPTH(I),I=1,NDEPTH)
DCONV=180.0/3.141592
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* PRINT TABLE HEADING *

WRITE(6,2020)

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*****  
* GENERATION OF LAMINA  
* PERFORMANCE DATA TABLES  
*****
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DO 50 I=1,NDEPTH

* INITIALIZE PARAMETERS *

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ATEMP=RETARD*MUMASS*ENTVEL*ENTVEL*EXP(-2.0*RETARD*DEPTH(I)*
  REFDIA)
BTEMP=2.0*3.141592*(DEPTH(I)**2)*(REFDIA**2)
CTEMP=DEPTH(I)*REFDIA*WATRHO*GRAVITY+PRESSR
COSMAX=1.0-ATEMP/(BTEMP*CTEMP)
DEGANG=ACOS(COSMAX)*180.0/3.141592
AHTIME=(EXP(RETARD*DEPTH(I)*REFDIA)-1.0)/(RFTARD*ENTVEL)
WRITE(6,2030) DEPTH(I),DELTA(I),NSTORE(I),DEGANG
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C      * COMPUTE INITIAL ANGLE *
C
C      ANGLE=ATAN(1.0/(2.0*DEPTH(I)))
C      COSANG=COS(ANGLE)
C      SINANG=SIN(ANGLE)
C
C      * COMPUTE INITIAL ANG. VEL. *
C
C      CALL VELOC(PRESSR,WATRHO,GRAVTY,COSMAX,ANGLE,
C                  DEPTH(I),REFDIA,ANGVEL)
C
C      * COMPUTE INITIAL ANG. ACC. *
C
C      CALL ACCEL(PRESSR,WATRHO,GRAVTY,COSMAX,ANGLE,
C                  DEPTH(I),REFDIA,ANGACC)
C
C      20  MOLDEP=ALOG(RETARD*ENTVEL*ABTIME+.01)/(RETARD*REFDIA)
C      C1VUDIA=2.0*DEPTH(I)*SIN(ANGLE)
C
C      * RADIAN TO DEGREE CONVERSION *
C
C      DEGANG=ANGLE*DCUNV
C      DEGVEL=ANGVEL*DCUNV
C      DEGACC=ANGACC*DCUNV
C
C      * PRINT NEXT LINE OF TABLE *
C
C      WRITE(6,2040) ABTIME,CAVDIA,DEGANG,
C                  DEGVEL,DEGACC,MOLDEP
C
C      ***** STEP BY STEP INTEGRATION OF *****
C      MOTION EJNS FOR LAMINA AT
C      CURRENT DEPTH(I)
C      *****
C
C      OLDANG=ANGLE
C      ISTORE=0
C      30  ISTORE=ISTORE+1
C
C      * COMPUTE NEW ANGLE AND ANGVEL *
C
C      ANGLE=OLDANG+ANGVEL*DELTA(I)+0.5*ANGACC*(DELTA(I)**2)
C
C      * CHECK FOR NEG. ANGLE, IF SO *
C      PROCEED TO NEXT DEPTH
C
C      IF(ANGLE) 50+40+40
C      CONTINUE
C      CALL VELOC(PRESSR,WATRHO,GRAVTY,COSMAX,ANGLE,
C                  DEPTH(I),REFDIA,ANGVEL)
C      IF(ANGLE.LE.OLDANG) ANGVEL=-ANGVEL

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SUBROUTINE ACCEL 73/74 OPT=1 FTN 4.6+452 80/1

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SUBROUTINE ACCEL(PRESSR,WATRHO,GRAVITY,COSMAX,ANGLE,
DEPTH,REFDIA,ANGACC)
COSANG=COS(ANGLE)
SINANG=SIN(ANGLE)
X=(2.0-COSANG)*(1.0+COSANG)/(COSANG*(1.0-COSANG))
RLOGX=ALOG(X)
A=2.0-4.0*COSANG
B=RLOGX*COSANG*(2.0+COSANG)**3-2.0*COSANG*COSANG-COSANG
C=2.0*COSANG/(SINANG*SINANG)
Z=(A/B)+C
DUMMY=(1.0+(COSANG-COSMAX)*Z)/(SINANG*RLOGX)
ANGACC=-2.0*(DEPTH*REFDIA*GRAVITY+PRESSR/WATRHO)*DUMMY/
((DEPTH*REFDIA)**2)
RETURN
END

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SUBROUTINE VFLOC 73/74 OPT=1 FTN 4.6+452 80/1

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SUBROUTINE VFLOC(PRESSR,WATRHO,GRAVITY,COSMAX,ANGLE,
DEPTH,REFDIA,ANGVEL)
COSANG=COS(ANGLE)
SINANG=SIN(ANGLE)
X=(2.0-COSANG)*(1.0+COSANG)/(COSANG*(1.0-COSANG))
RLOG=ALOG(X)
ANGVFL=50.714.0*(DEPTH*REFDIA*GRAVITY+PRESSR/WATRHO)
*(COSANG-COSMAX)/((DEPTH*REFDIA)**2*SINANG
*SINANG*RLOG)
RETURN
END

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* R E F E R E N C E I N F O R M A T I O N *

MODEL CONFIGURATION = RIGHT CYL.
MODEL REF. DIAM. (IN.) = 1.50
MODEL LENGTH (IN.) = 2.15
CAV. DRAG COEFF. = .807
EFF. DRAG AREA (SQ.IN.) = 1.76715
MODEL WEIGHT (LBS) = 1.07522
MODEL DENSITY (LBS/CU.IN.) = .2830
WATER DENS. (SLUG/CU.FT.) = 1.93945
ATM. PRESS. (LBS/SQ.FT.) = 2116.80
GRAV. CONST. (FT/SEC/SEC) = 32.174
ENTRY VEL. (FT/SEC) = 250.0
NO. DEPTHS = 3
RETARD (1/FT.) = .28737
DEPTHS (CALIBERS) = 10.0 20.0 30.0

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- SPHERICAL LAMINA PERFORMANCE DATA -

ZERO TIME REF. = WATER IMPACT

* * * * * 10.0 CAL LAMINA * * * * *

TIME STEP (SEC) = .00010
NSTORF = 5
MAX ANGLE (DEG) = 9.45

AHS. TIME (SEC)	APPROX. CAV.DIA. (CAL"")	ANGLE (DEG)	ANG. VEL. (DEG/SEC)	ANG. ACC. (DEG/SEC ²)	MODEL DEPTH (CAL"")
.0060	1.00	2.86	2524.23	-2148373.6	10.00
.0065	1.37	3.93	1837.22	-911064.9	10.69
.0070	1.66	4.75	1486.39	-548881.7	11.36
.0075	1.89	5.43	1257.18	-346432.5	12.02
.0080	2.10	6.02	1088.26	-297256.2	12.66
.0085	2.27	6.53	954.43	-242139.3	13.29
.0090	2.43	6.97	843.15	-205324.0	13.90
.0095	2.57	7.37	747.34	-179366.2	14.50
.0100	2.69	7.72	662.66	-160333.9	15.09
.0105	2.80	8.03	586.25	-145974.0	15.67
.0110	2.89	8.31	516.15	-134912.2	16.23
.0115	2.97	8.55	450.94	-126269.1	16.78
.0120	3.05	8.76	389.58	-119459.8	17.32
.0125	3.11	8.94	331.25	-114083.9	17.86
.0130	3.16	9.09	275.31	-109861.4	18.38
.0135	3.20	9.22	221.24	-106594.0	18.89
.0140	3.24	9.31	168.59	-104140.8	19.39
.0145	3.26	9.39	116.95	-102403.2	19.89
.0150	3.28	9.43	66.08	-101314.7	20.37
.0155	3.28	9.45	15.57	-100835.6	20.85
.0160	3.28	9.45	-25.66	-100883.8	21.32
.0165	3.28	9.42	-76.22	-101482.8	21.78
.0170	3.26	9.37	-127.24	-102697.1	22.23
.0175	3.23	9.30	-179.02	-104571.7	22.68
.0180	3.20	9.19	-231.93	-107178.7	23.12
.0185	3.15	9.07	-286.34	-110624.3	23.55
.0190	3.10	8.91	-342.71	-115059.4	23.98
.0195	3.03	8.72	-401.59	-120696.5	24.40
.0200	2.96	8.51	-463.65	-127835.9	24.81
.0205	2.87	8.26	-529.74	-136908.7	25.22
.0210	2.77	7.98	-600.98	-148547.8	25.62
.0215	2.66	7.66	-678.86	-163711.7	26.01
.0220	2.54	7.30	-765.51	-183911.0	26.40
.0225	2.46	6.89	-864.00	-211650.8	26.79
.0230	2.24	6.43	-979.11	-251366.2	27.17
.0235	2.06	5.91	-1118.70	-311619.8	27.54
.0240	1.85	5.30	-1297.04	-411041.0	27.91
.0245	1.60	4.60	-1543.69	-597968.7	28.28
.0250	1.30	3.74	-1934.54	-1040086.3	28.64
.0255	.91	2.60	-2769.24	-2802135.3	28.99
.0260	.12	.34	*****	-862860962.9	29.34

***** 20.0 CAL LAMINA *****

TIME STEP (SEC) = .00010
 NSTORE = 5
 MAX ANGLE (DEG) = 3.24

ARS. TIME (SEC)	APPROX. CAV.DIA. (CAL" S)	ANGLE (DEG)	ANG. VEL. (DEG/SEC)	ANG. ACC. (DEG/SEC2)	MODEL DEPTH (CAL" S)
.0146	1.00	1.43	760.50	-455800.2	20.00
.0151	1.23	1.77	590.90	-257576.3	20.48
.0156	1.42	2.03	484.92	-176413.0	20.96
.0161	1.57	2.26	408.34	-133996.1	21.43
.0166	1.71	2.44	348.19	-108615.4	21.88
.0171	1.82	2.60	298.29	-92084.1	22.34
.0176	1.91	2.74	255.27	-80692.8	22.78
.0181	2.00	2.86	217.08	-72541.1	23.22
.0186	2.07	2.96	182.38	-66566.6	23.65
.0191	2.12	3.04	150.26	-62136.2	24.07
.0196	2.17	3.11	120.06	-58854.9	24.49
.0201	2.21	3.16	91.26	-56469.1	24.90
.0206	2.23	3.20	63.47	-54814.1	25.31
.0211	2.25	3.23	36.35	-53785.4	25.71
.0216	2.26	3.24	9.60	-53321.9	26.10
.0221	2.26	3.24	-14.93	-53371.1	26.49
.0226	2.25	3.22	-41.73	-53944.5	26.88
.0231	2.23	3.20	-64.97	-55092.4	27.25
.0236	2.20	3.15	-96.93	-56883.6	27.63
.0241	2.16	3.10	-125.97	-59433.1	28.00
.0246	2.11	3.03	-156.51	-62920.4	28.36
.0251	2.05	2.94	-189.09	-67622.3	28.72
.0256	1.98	2.84	-224.40	-73971.5	29.07
.0261	1.90	2.72	-263.44	-82667.5	29.42
.0266	1.80	2.57	-307.64	-94896.4	29.77
.0271	1.68	2.41	-359.26	-112815.1	30.11
.0276	1.54	2.21	-422.07	-140719.8	30.45
.0281	1.38	1.98	-503.15	-188392.3	30.78
.0286	1.19	1.71	-617.90	-283058.5	31.11
.0291	.94	1.35	-809.73	-532201.3	31.43
.0296	.60	.85	-1296.35	-1912956.5	31.75

*** 30.0 CAL LAMINA ***

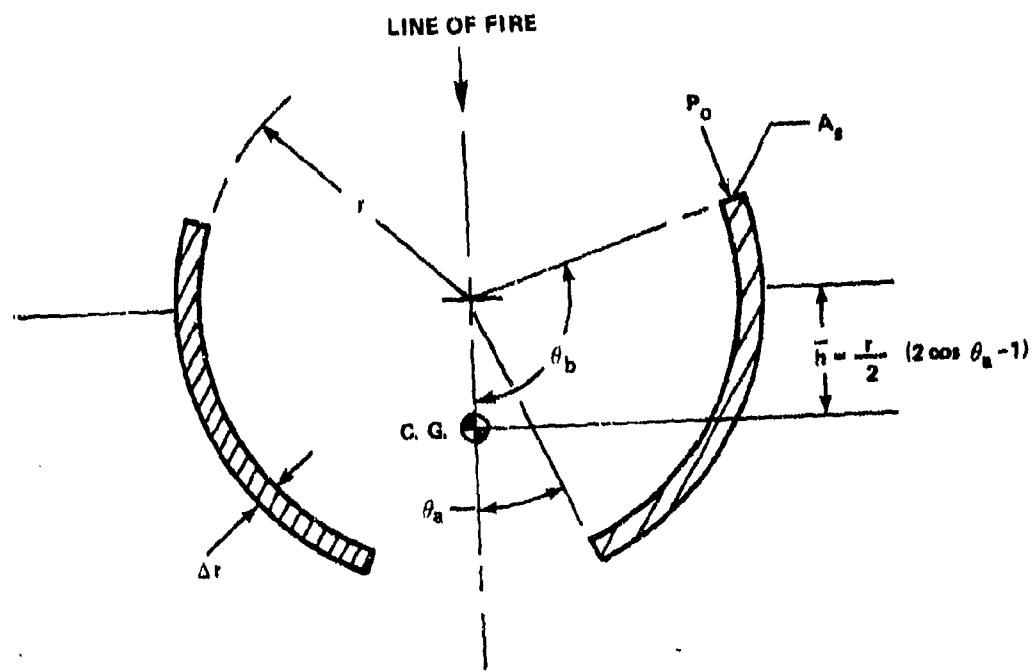
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 NSTORE = 5
 MAX ANGLE (DEG) = 1.48

ARS. TIME (SEC)	APPROX. CAV.DIA. (CAL"')	ANGLE (DEG)	ANG. VFL. (DEG/SEC)	ANG. ACC. (DEG/SEC2)	MODEL DEPTH (CAL"')
.0270	1.00	.95	288.82	-140130.4	30.00
.0275	1.13	1.08	230.10	-99634.3	30.34
.0280	1.24	1.19	186.17	-78150.5	30.67
.0285	1.33	1.27	150.56	-65303.5	31.00
.0290	1.40	1.34	120.12	-57071.8	31.33
.0295	1.46	1.39	93.05	-51608.7	31.65
.0300	1.50	1.43	68.22	-47969.1	31.97
.0305	1.53	1.46	44.87	-45637.5	32.29
.0310	1.55	1.48	27.42	-44328.6	32.60
.0315	1.55	1.48	.41	-43897.3	32.91
.0320	1.55	1.48	-21.61	-44297.9	33.21
.0325	1.53	1.46	-44.03	-45572.7	33.51
.0330	1.50	1.43	-67.34	-47863.0	33.81
.0335	1.46	1.39	-92.10	-51447.5	34.11
.0340	1.40	1.34	-119.08	-56830.8	34.40
.0345	1.33	1.27	-149.37	-64936.6	34.69
.0350	1.25	1.19	-184.75	-77564.2	34.97
.0355	1.14	1.09	-228.24	-98613.0	35.26
.0360	1.01	.96	-286.29	-138067.7	35.54
.0365	.83	.80	-374.45	-229697.3	35.82
.0370	.60	.57	-552.06	-575368.9	36.09
.0375	.15	.14	-2170.53	-31522971.7	36.36

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APPENDIX B

DERIVATION OF LAMINA MOTION EQUATIONS WHICH INCLUDE
EFFECT OF ATMOSPHERIC SURFACE PRESSURE



This derivation uses an energy-approach to obtain the equations governing the motion of the lamina. Refer to the figure above throughout the derivation.

First, obtain expression for the potential due to surface pressure P_0 , which is equal to negative of the work done by P_0 moving thru the displacement ($\theta_b = 90^\circ$):

$$dV_{P_0} = -dW_{P_0} = -(-P_0 A_s r d\theta_b) \quad (1)$$

where the area A_s , as shown in the figure, is given by:

$$A_s = 2\pi r \Delta r \sin \theta_b$$

Substitute expression for A_s into Equation (1) and integrate to obtain an equation for V_{P_0} in terms of θ_b , thus:

$$\int_{V=0}^V dV_{P_0} = \int_{\theta_b=90^\circ}^{\theta_b} P_0 2\pi r^2 \Delta r \sin \theta_b d\theta_b$$

$$V_{P_0} = -2\pi r^2 \Delta r P_0 \cos \theta_b$$


or:

$$V_{P_0} = -2\pi r^2 \Delta r P_0 \cos \theta_b \quad (2)$$

It can be shown that:

$$\cos \theta_b = \cos \theta_a - 1$$

Substituting this into Equation (2) yields the expression for V_{P_0} in terms of angle θ_a :

$$V_p = -2 r^2 r P_0 (\cos \theta_a - 1) \quad (3)$$

Next consider gravity potential V_g . If the original undisturbed water surface is taken as the reference datum for zero gravity potential then

$$V_g = -2\pi r^2 \Delta r \rho_w g \bar{h}$$

where, as shown in figure:

$$\bar{h} = r(2 \cos \theta_a - 1)/2$$

Hence gravity potential in terms of shell angle is

$$V_g = \pi r^3 \rho_w \Delta r g (1 - 2 \cos \theta_a)$$

Finally, combine potentials due to gravity and surface pressure to obtain the total potential of the shell/pressure system

$$V = V_g + V_{p_0}$$

$$V = \pi r^3 \rho_w \Delta r g (1 - 2 \cos \theta_a) - 2\pi r^2 \Delta r p_0 (\cos \theta_a - 1) \quad (4)$$

Next, consider the kinetic energy of the moving shell. In terms of the shell angle θ_a , the expression for the kinetic energy can be shown to be^{A-1}

$$T_f = \frac{\pi}{2} r^4 \rho_w \Delta r \dot{\theta}_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_a \ln \left[\frac{(2 - \cos \theta_a)(1 + \cos \theta_a)}{\cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)} \right] \quad (5)$$

For the total energy in the conservative shell/surface-pressure system the following relation holds at all times

$$(T_f + V)_1 = (T_f + V)_2 = \text{Const.} \quad (6)$$

When the shell is at the peak of its swing, its kinetic energy is zero and the total potential of the system is at a maximum which, from Equation (6), is equal to the total energy of the shell at any other time.

$$(T_f + V) = V(\text{peak}) \quad (7)$$

At the peak position θ_a is also at a maximum and is designated as θ_m , the maximum value that θ_a ever reaches. When the previously derived expressions for T_f and V are substituted into Equation (7) and the shell angle in the expression for $V(\text{peak})$ is replaced by θ_m , Equation (7) becomes

^{A-1}Abelson, H., "Cavity Shapes at Vertical Water Entry - A Comparison of Calculated and Observed Shapes," NOLTR 67-31 (1967).

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\pi}{2} r^4 \rho_w (\Delta r) \theta_a^2 \sin^2 \theta_a \ln [X] + \pi r^3 (\Delta r) \rho_w g (1 - 2 \cos \theta_a) \\
 & - 2\pi r^2 (\Delta r) P_o (\cos \theta_a - 1) \\
 & = \pi r^3 \rho_w (\Delta r) g (1 - 2 \cos \theta_m) - 2\pi r^2 (\Delta r) P_o (\cos \theta_m - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$X = (2 - \cos \theta_a) (1 + \cos \theta_a) / \cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)$$

Solving this last expression for the angular velocity $\dot{\theta}_a$ yields the governing differential equation for the shell angle

$$\dot{\theta}_a = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4 \left[rg + (P_o / \rho_w) \right]}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta_a \ln \left[\frac{\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m}{(2 - \cos \theta_a) (1 + \cos \theta_a)} \right]} \left[\frac{\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m}{\cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)} \right]} \quad (8)$$

The expression for angular acceleration $\ddot{\theta}_a$ can be found by differentiating Equation (8) with respect to time

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ddot{\theta}_a &= \frac{-2 \left[rg + (P_o / \rho_w) \right]}{r^2} \left[\frac{1 + (\cos \theta_a - \cos \theta_m) (Z)}{\sin \theta_a \ln [X]} \right] \\
 X &= \frac{(2 - \cos \theta_a) (1 + \cos \theta_a)}{\cos \theta_a (1 - \cos \theta_a)} \\
 Z &= \frac{2 - 4 \cos \theta_a}{\cos \theta_a (\cos^3 \theta_a - 2 \cos^2 \theta_a - \cos \theta_a + 2) \ln [X]} + \frac{2 \cos \theta_a}{\sin^2 \theta_a}
 \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The expression for $\cos \theta_m$ is derived next. At the peak of its outward swing (corresponding to $\theta_a = \theta_m$) all the kinetic energy imparted initially to the lamina by the passing projectile has been converted entirely into potential energy thus:

$$v_{\text{peak}} - v_{\text{in}} = \frac{-dT_p}{dr} (\Delta r) \quad (10)$$

where T_p , the kinetic energy of the projectile, is given by

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} m_p v_p^2$$

If the cavity drag coefficient is assumed to be constant then T_p can be written in terms of lamina depth r as

$$T_p = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_m v_p^2 r^2 e^{-2\alpha r}$$

The expressions for T_p , v_{peak} and v_{in} are substituted into Equation (10) and the differentiation carried out to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \pi r^3 \rho (\Delta r) g (1 - 2 \cos \theta_m) &= (-\pi r^3 \rho_w (\Delta r) g) \\ &- 2\pi r^2 (\Delta r) P_o (\cos \theta_m - 1) = \alpha_m v_p P_o e^{-2\alpha r} (\Delta r) \end{aligned}$$

Solving for $\cos \theta_m$ yields the final desired relation

$$\cos \theta_m = \frac{1}{2} \left[2 - \frac{\alpha_m v_p P_o e^{-2\alpha r}}{\pi r^2 (r \rho_w g + P_o)} \right] \quad (11)$$

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